

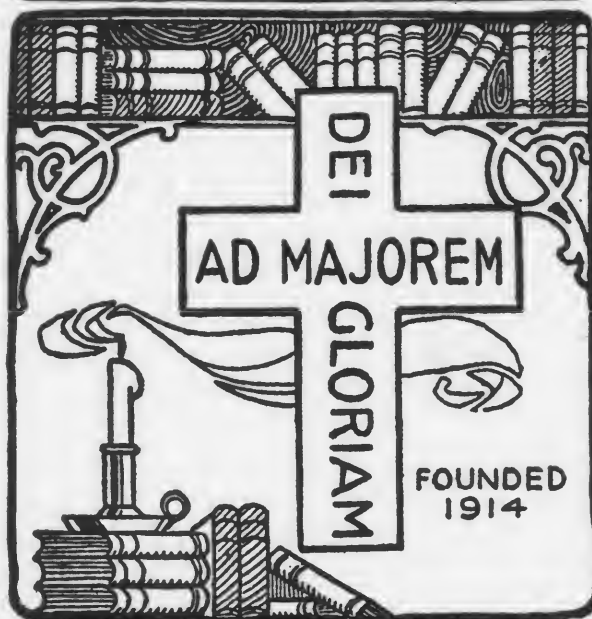
CINCINNATI
CONFERENCE
MINUTES

1896-99

REF.

8

CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
EMORY UNIVERSITY, GA.



DATE
ACCESSION

- 27257

EMORY UNIVERSITY



15148701

MINUTES
OF THE
CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
FOR THE QUADRENNIUM, 1896 - 1899.

VOLUME XII.

CINCINNATI:
WESTERN METHODIST BOOK CONCERN.
1899.

EMORY UNIVERSITY
THEOLOGY LIBRARY

Minutes

**Cincinnati
Conference**

Price
Fifteen Cents

1896

45

27257

SIX SPLENDID BOOKS

✿ FOR YOUR LIBRARY ✿

Mary of Nazareth:

And Her Family.

By BISHOP S. M. MERRILL, D. D.
16mo. Fine cloth. Uncut edges.
Yellow top. 192 pages. 85 cents.

"The discussion of the constitution of the Nazarene family is too full for reproduction here; but the argument sweeps the ground from underneath the feet of the Romish Church in its antiquated claim for the perpetual virginity of Mary, and stamps its persistent mariolatry as an unwarranted and pagan proceeding."—*Methodist Review, New York.*

The Child Jesus:

And Other Talks to Children.

By ALEXANDER MCLEOD. 12mo.
Cloth. 270 pages. 90 cents.

"As models of talks to children, these addresses are unsurpassed. They are in no sense childish, but dignified, faithful, devout presentations of gospel truth, abounding in simple yet striking illustrations."—*Christian Advocate, New York.*

The Crisis of this World;

Or, The Dominion and Doom of the Devil.

By BISHOP S. M. MERRILL, D. D.
16mo. Cloth. 190 pages. 60 cents.

"It is a brief and earnest warning—a sermon enlarged—against the easy doctrines of modern popular eschatology, which refine the devil into a figure of speech, and hell into a metaphor. Such a warning is needed."—*Congregationalist, Boston, Mass.*

The Laws of the Soul;

Or, The Science of Religion and the Future Life.

By M. W. GIFFORD, PH. D. 12mo.
Cloth. 204 pages. 75 cents.

"It is a clear, definite, logical presentation of pertinent truths in relation to the present and future condition of the soul. . . . The author moves on in a well-ordered and well-sustained purpose, to show that we have not only the authority of Scripture, but of science as well, to establish religious experience and doctrine."—*Interior, Chicago, Ill.*

The Higher Criticism:

An Outline of Modern Biblical Study.

By CHARLES W. RISHELL, PH. D.
12mo. Cloth. 214 pages. Special
net price, 50 cents, post-paid.

"I am acquainted with no other work which furnishes, in so brief a space, a more complete and satisfactory account of the methods and results of higher criticism."—MILTON S. FERRY, D. D., *Professor in Garrett Biblical Institute.*

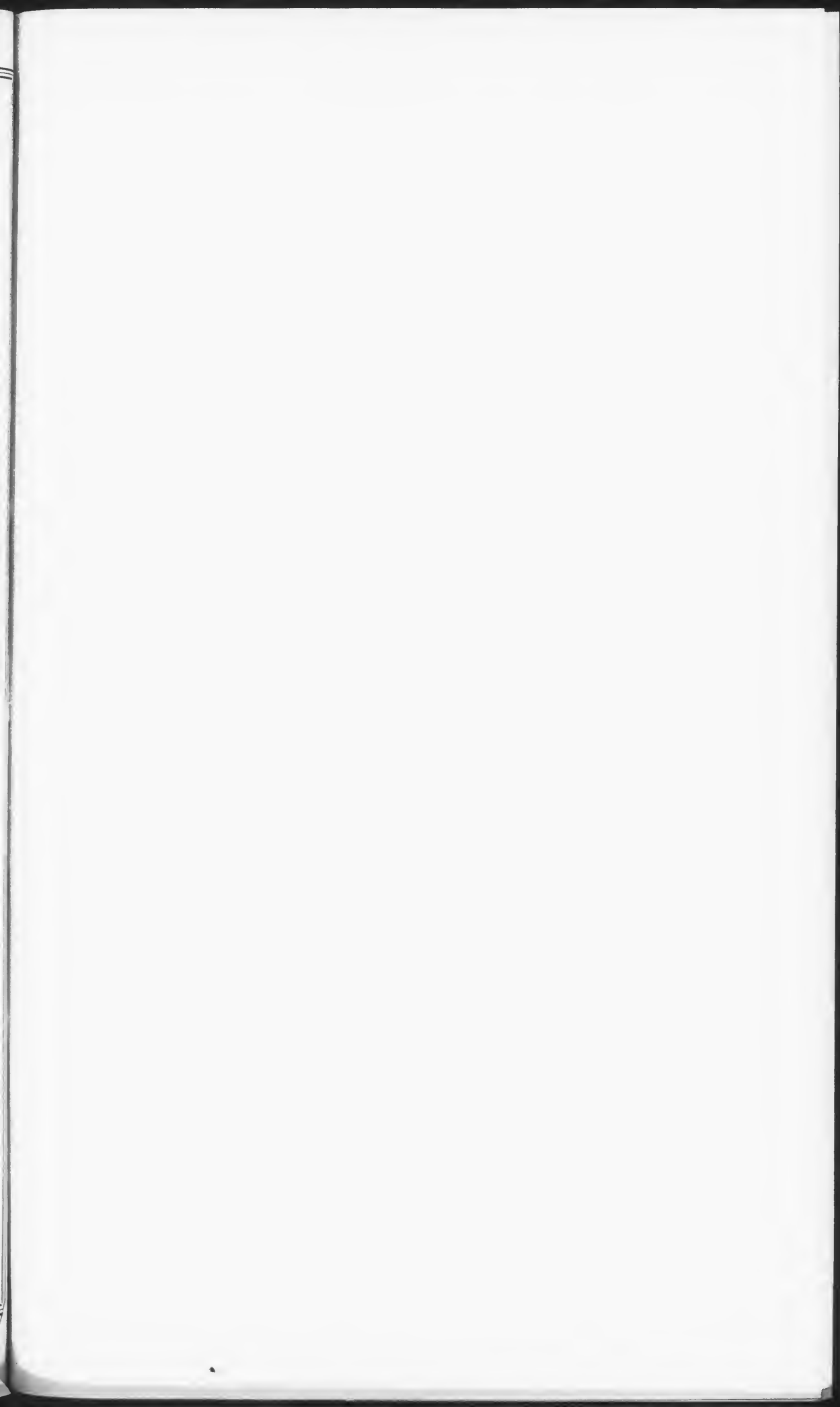
Nature as a Book of Symbols.

By WILLIAM MARSHALL. 12mo.
Cloth. 277 pages. 90 cents.

"The work is thoughtful, philosophical, and logical, and is replete with food for profitable reflection. It demonstrates the absurdity of both the atheistic and the agnostic theories of creation, and annihilates the excuses commonly urged for unbelief."—*Telescope, Dayton, O.*

IF YOU DO NOT FIND WHAT YOU WANT IN THIS LIST,
WE SHALL BE GLAD TO PROCURE FOR YOU ANY BOOK ON THE
MARKET, AT LOWEST PRICE.
ALL ORDERS GIVEN PROMPT ATTENTION.

CURTS & JENNINGS, 220 West Fourth St., Cincinnati, O.





S. M. Merrill

MINUTES
OF THE
CINCINNATI CONFERENCE

OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

FORTY-FIFTH SESSION,

HELD IN PIQUA, O., SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1896.

EDITED BY
STANLEY O. ROYAL, SECRETARY.

AND ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE AS ITS OFFICIAL RECORD.

CINCINNATI:
WESTERN METHODIST BOOK CONCERN PRESS.

1896.



S. M. Merrill

MINUTES
OF THE
CINCINNATI CONFERENCE

OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
FORTY-FIFTH SESSION,
HELD IN PIQUA, O., SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1896.

EDITED BY
STANLEY O. ROYAL, SECRETARY.

AND ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE AS ITS OFFICIAL RECORD.

CINCINNATI:
WESTERN METHODIST BOOK CONCERN PRESS.
1896.

BX8381
.C7
1896-99

CONTENTS.

I.—ORGANIZATION.		PAGE.		PAGE.
Officers of the Conference.....	3		Missions.....	102
Officers of Conference Societies....	4		Parsonages.....	102
Special Appointments for 1896-7....	5		Sabbath Observance.....	103
Standing Committees, 1896.....	6		Sunday-school Cause.....	104
Standing Committees, 1897.....	7		Tract Cause.....	104
Chronological Roll, 1896.....	9		Temperance.....	104
Conference Rules of Order.....	11		State of the Church.....	106
			C. PRESIDING ELDERS.....	108
II.—PROCEEDINGS.			V.—MISCELLANY.	
Journal.....	13		American University.....	131
Special Services.....	39		Conference Trustees... ..	132
Disciplinary Questions.....	40		Publishing Committee.....	132
Appointments.....	43		Preachers' Relief Society.....	133
Supernumerary Preachers.....	46		The John Mears Bequest.....	134
Superannuated Preachers.....	46		Cincinnati Church Extension So- ciety.....	134
			Conference Sessions.....	136
III.—DIRECTORY.			VI.—CONFERENCE STUDIES.	
Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church.....	47		Board of Examiners.....	138
Members and Probationers.....	47		Assignment of Books and Subjects.	138
Widows of Preachers.....	52		Examinations.....	139
Summary.....	52		Classes.....	140
Local Preachers.....	53		VII.—IN MEMORIAM.	
Official Editors.....	54		Deceased Bishops.....	141
Corresponding Secretaries.....	54		Ohio Conference.....	141
Pastoral Record.....	55		Cincinnati Conference.....	142
IV.—REPORTS.			MEMOIRS—Wesley Webster.....	143
A. STATISTICS.			Isaac Clay Page.....	145
Conference Stewards' Report....	68		James Murray.....	146
Report of Conference Treasurer..	70		Mighill Dustin.....	147
General Statistics, I, II, III, IV..	71		Simon McChesney.....	150
Circuit Reports.....	89		William L. Hypes.....	152
B. OF STANDING COMMITTEES.			Elisha Cowgill Smith.....	155
American Bible Society.....	92		Mrs. George C. Crum.....	156
Auditing Accounts.....	92		Mrs. John H. Davis.....	157
Books and Periodicals.....	92		Mrs. John W. Fowble.....	158
Board of Control for Deaconess work.....	93		Mrs. J. I. Grover.....	159
Church Extension.....	95		VIII.—CINCINNATI CONFERENCE HIS- TORICAL SOCIETY.	
Complimentary Resolutions.....	95		The Rise of Methodism in the Bounds of the Cincinnati Con- ference.....	161
Deaconess Home and Christ's Hos- pital.....	96			
Education.....	97			
Epworth League.....	100			
Finance.....	101			
Freedmen's Aid.....	101			

 Patronize our advertisers. They are worthy of it.
When doing so, mention these Minutes.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

I.

Organization.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

PRESIDENT.

BISHOP S. M. MERRILL, D. D., LL. D., CHICAGO, ILL.

SECRETARY.

STANLEY O. ROYAL, TROY, OHIO.

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES.

V. F. BROWN, H. D. KETCHAM, D. LEE AULTMAN, W. J. BAKER.
M. B. FULLER, Railroad Secretary.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

J. H. McNARY, MONROE, O.

ASSISTANT STATISTICIANS.

C. F. ENYART, W. T. STAFFORD.

TREASURER.

C. W. ELLIOTT, NEW CARLISLE, O.

ASSISTANT TREASURERS.

O. M. SELLERS, C. W. HORN.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

SECRETARIES, TREASURER, AND JOHN PEARSON.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

H. C. WEAKLEY, *President*.

J. P. PORTER, *Secretary*.

JAMES T. BAIL, *Treasurer*.

WM. HERR, JOHN F. LOYD, SYLVESTER WEEKS, A. N. SPAHR.

I.

Organization.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

PRESIDENT.

BISHOP S. M. MERRILL, D. D., LL. D., CHICAGO, ILL.

SECRETARY.

STANLEY O. ROYAL, TROY, OHIO.

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES.

V. F. BROWN, H. D. KETCHAM, D. LEE AULTMAN, W. J. BAKER.
M. B. FULLER, Railroad Secretary.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

J. H. McNARY, MONROE, O.

ASSISTANT STATISTICIANS.

C. F. ENYART, W. T. STAFFORD.

TREASURER.

C. W. ELLIOTT, NEW CARLISLE, O.

ASSISTANT TREASURERS.

O. M. SELLERS, C. W. HORN.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

SECRETARIES, TREASURER, AND JOHN PEARSON.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

H. C. WEAKLEY, *President.*

J. P. PORTER, *Secretary.*

JAMES T. BAIL, *Treasurer.*

WM. HERR, JOHN F. LOYD, SYLVESTER WEEKS, A. N. SPAHR.

OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President.—EDMUND BURDSALL.
Vice-President.—A. M. GRIFFITH.

Secretary.—D. LEE AULTMAN.
Treasurer.—C. W. ELLIOTT.

Managers.—A. B. LEONARD, HOWARD HENDERSON, WM. RUNYAN, J. E. H. SENTMAN, H. C. WEAKLEY, E. T. LANE, J. P. PORTER.

District Corresponding Secretaries.—D. L. AULTMAN, W. A. ROBINSON, G. V. MORRIS, M. LESOURD, V. F. BROWN.

BOARDS OF CHURCH LOCATION.

Cincinnati District.—R. H. RUST, J. M. DECAMP, B. R. COWEN, S. HANNAFORD, M. M. KUGLER, R. E. SMITH, E. O. BUXTON.

Dayton District.—E. T. WELLS, ABEL HOOVER, L. D. REYNOLDS, J. W. PETERS, F. M. CLEMANS.

Hillsboro District.—T. H. PEARNE, S. W. ROGERS, J. M. HEISTAND, M. LESOURD, H. D. KETCHAM.

Georgetown District.—G. H. DART, JAMES MCMATH, DAVID PEARSON, W. P. JACKSON, J. W. MASON.

Springfield District.—J. F. MARLAY, W. R. WARNOCK, P. P. MAST, J. A. STORY, V. F. BROWN.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President.—JOHN PEARSON.
Vice-President.—B. R. COWEN.

Secretary.—C. L. CONGER.
Treasurer.—JAS. M. DECAMP.

Additional Members.—C. W. BARNES, GEO. B. JOHNSON, J. W. DALE, J. N. GAMBLE, R. E. SMITH.

Ex Officio.—THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

President.—J. P. PORTER.
Vice-President.—H. A. M. HENDERSON.

Secretary.—A. B. AUSTIN.
Treasurer.—E. W. MULLIKIN.

Additional Members.—JOHN W. DALE, JAMES M. DECAMP, THEODORE F. SPEAR, JAMES N. GAMBLE.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

President.—E. BURDSALL.
Vice-President.—C. H. HAINES.

Secretary.—SYLVESTER WEEKS.
Treasurer.—C. WONES.

Additional Members.—J. P. SHULTZ, J. T. MCCOLM, E. MCHUGH, J. J. MCCABE, R. K. DEEM, D. L. AULTMAN, J. E. H. SENTMAN.

TRACT SOCIETY.

President.—JOHN VANCE.
Vice-President.—F. M. KIRGAN.

Secretary.—J. W. GADDIS.
Treasurer.—D. C. VANCE.

Managers.—A. T. COWGILL, B. D. HYPES, V. F. BROWN.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

President.—S. B. SMITH.

1st Vice-President.—J. T. BAIL.

2d Vice-President.—J. P. PORTER.

Secretary.—E. T. LANE.

Treasurer.—S. O. ROYAL.

Additional Members.—A. B. LEONARD, T. H. PEARNE, WM. RUNYAN, E. MCHUGH.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

President.—THOS. H. PEARNE.

1st Vice-President.—W. L. HYPES.

2d Vice-President.—J. F. MARLAY.

Secretary.—M. E. KETCHAM.

Treasurer.—F. G. MITCHELL.

Custodian.—S. O. ROYAL.

Other Directors.—ASBURY LOWREY, W. I. FEE, D. J. STARR.

BOARD OF CONTROL OF DEACONESS WORK.

J. W. MASON, M. M. KUGLER, H. C. WEAKLEY, MRS. BISHOP WALDEN,
MRS. CARRIE MCD. PEARNE, MRS. W. B. SHATTUC, HON. B. R. COWEN,
J. N. GAMBLE, ESQ., S. K. HARTER, ESQ.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

President.—R. S. RUST.

Vice-President.—J. T. BAIL.

Secretary.—H. C. WEAKLEY.

Treasurer.—T. COLLETT.

WM. HERR, J. G. BLACK, J. S. WHITNEY, D. L. AULTMAN, C. L. CON-
GER, F. LEEVER, R. DYMOND, ROBERT JOHNSON.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS FOR 1896-97.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS.

W. A. ROBINSON,
J. P. PORTER,
F. G. MITCHELL,
J. E. ABRAMS,
C. W. BARNES,

C. L. CONGER,
A. C. TURRELL,
E. O. BUXTON,
G. W. DUBOIS,
W. H. WEHRLEY,

F. M. CLEMANS,
J. A. STORY,
J. A. WHITE,
U. G. HUMPHREY,
H. D. KETCHAM.

VISITORS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, ETC.

To Baltimore Woman's College—C. H. PAYNE, GEO. K. MORRIS.

To Ohio Wesleyan University—W. A. ROBINSON, H. D. KETCHAM.

To Garrett Biblical Institute—C. H. HAINES.

To Drew Theological Seminary—A. B. LEONARD, W. G. WARNER.

To School of Theology, Boston—C. H. PAYNE, J. W. MAGRUDER.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.

WM. RUNYAN, M. M. KUGLER, J. W. MASON, E. BURDSALL, V. F. BROWN,
B. D. HYPES, C. M. VAN PELT.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON.

J. M. MEEKER; alternate, WM. RUNYAN.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1896.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.—Philip Trout, J. E. Abrams, G. P. Austin, W. K. Brown, C. T. Crum, J. R. Colley, Thomas Cundy, D. Herr.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS.—J. T. Bail, W. T. Stafford, W. A. Wiant, John Wilson.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—E. Burdsall, J. E. H. Sentman, M. E. Ketcham, J. L. Shively, C. M. Van Pelt, J. F. McColm, P. C. Curnick, Thomas Collett, A. D. Maddox, M. LeSourd.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—D. J. Starr, W. P. Jackson, C. W. Gullette, J. A. Easton, B. D. Hypes, J. R. Hill, T. G. Williams, O. D. Becker, J. A. Winkler, J. G. Black.

DEACONESS HOME.—C. W. Barnes, E. McHugh, M. B. Fuller, E. T. Lane, A. B. Austin, J. D. Darling, L. O. Deputy, W. I. Fee.

EDUCATION.—F. G. Mitchell, C. H. Payne, J. W. Bashford, J. A. Story, C. F. Enyart, William Runyan, C. H. Haines, J. F. Loyd, H. D. Ketcham, J. Pearson, A. Lowrey.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.—H. D. Ketcham, I. E. Price, G. W. Vorhis, L. E. Prentiss, U. G. Humphrey, S. W. Campbell, J. H. Middleton, George V. Morris, W. L. Y. Davis, M. Kauffman.

FINANCE.—W. J. Baker, S. G. Pollard, J. S. Pumphrey, D. W. C. Washburn, C. D. Munsey, Frank Leever, J. H. Davis, A. M. Griffith.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.—J. P. Porter, E. O. Buxton, F. M. Kirgan, W. G. Warner, D. A. McColm, R. S. Rust, T. D. Moore, C. E. Schenk, J. L. Dalbey, John Vance.

MEMOIRS.—R. E. Smith, J. F. Marlay, G. W. Dubois, B. D. Hypes, L. M. Davis, F. M. Clemans, W. J. Baker, C. M. Van Pelt, D. J. Starr, J. M. Meeker, J. G. Vaughan.

MISSIONS.—G. W. Dubois, A. B. Leonard, H. C. Weakley, J. McK. Shultz, J. G. Vaughan, J. W. Patton, F. C. English.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.—John Pearson, J. W. Magruder, J. P. Ninde, J. J. McCabe, L. M. Davis, W. P. McVey, D. S. Ewry, G. H. Smith, C. W. Barnes.

NEW YORK BOOK ACCOUNTS.—F. E. Vance.

PARSONAGES.—W. H. Wehrley, B. F. Oswald, J. A. White, W. M. West, W. E. Spurrier, W. S. Gray, G. M. Fulton, W. C. Mitchell, G. B. Shanor, S. W. Carey.

PERIODICALS AND BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS.—H. A. M. Henderson, J. M. Meeker, H. C. Middleton, G. T. Perry, G. Roughton, W. N. Mason, C. L. Mackey, H. C. Hutchinson.

POSTMASTER.—W. A. Deaton.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—J. F. Marlay, F. G. Mitchell, W. H. Wehrley.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.—Conference Secretaries, Treasurer, and John Pearson.

QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—J. W. Mason, F. M. Clemans, C. L. Conger, D. D. Cheney, J. W. Peters, W. H. Sutherland, J. P. Porter, C. W. Gullette.

RESOLUTIONS.—D. Lee Aultman, H. W. Bailey, A. L. Brokaw, E. H. Cherington, J. W. Gaddis, M. M. Kugler, D. J. Starr.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—M. Swadener, C. H. Payne, A. N. Spahr, Creighton Wones, J. P. Shultz, E. S. Gaddis, G. L. Travis, J. W. Hickman, E. H. Cherington.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CAUSE.—A. T. Cowgill, W. M. Coffman, A. M. Griffith, A. Hamilton, H. C. Middleton, J. R. Hunter, E. P. James, E. L. Hollingsworth.

TRACT CAUSE.—J. H. Lease, C. H. Kalbfus, J. F. Laird, J. W. Lucas, R. S. McColm, C. J. Hartley, I. R. Marshall, A. G. Newton.

TEMPERANCE.—O. M. Sellers, S. B. Smith, A. C. Turrell, T. P. Walter, James Stephenson, W. M. Patton, S. D. Clayton.

TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.—D. C. Vance, G. L. Tufts, J. S. Whitney, H. Hershey, R. K. Deem, H. E. Armacost, C. W. Briggs, J. S. Ruggles.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1897.

Nominated by D. C. Vance, G. L. Tufts, J. S. Whitney, H. Hershey, R. K. Deem,
H. E. Armacost, C. W. Briggs, J. S. Ruggles.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY:

Class 1, J. E. Abrams,	J. L. Dalbey.
Class 2, C. T. Crum,	J. R. Colley.
Class 3, D. J. Starr,	W. P. Jackson.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS:

Class 1, J. T. Bail,	W. T. Stafford.
Class 2, W. A. Wiant,	John Wilson.
Class 3, G. S. Easton,	T. P. Walter.

BOARD OF STEWARDS:

Class 1, . . E. Burdsall,	J. E. H. Sentman,	J. L. Shively.
Class 2, . . M. E. Ketcham,	M. LeSourd,	C. M. Van Pelt.
Class 3, . . John Pearson,	G. P. Austin,	A. D. Maddox.

CHURCH EXTENSION:

Class 1, . . C. W. Gullette,	J. A. Easton,	B. D. Hypes.
Class 2, . . J. R. Hill,	T. G. Williams,	O. D. Becker.
Class 3, . . A. B. Austin,	J. F. McColm.	J. G. Black.

DEACONESS HOME:

Class 1, . . E. McHugh,	M. B. Fuller,	S. W. Carey.
Class 2, . . E. T. Lane,	J. D. Darling,	L. O. Deputy.
Class 3, . . Wm. Runyan,	W. I. Fee,	J. A. Winkler.

EDUCATION:

Class 1, . . C. H. Payne,	J. A. Story,	C. H. Haines.
Class 2, . . J. W. Bashford.	F. G. Mitchell,	J. P. Porter.
Class 3, . . H. D. Ketcham,	H.A.M.Henderson,	G. K. Morris.

EPWORTH LEAGUE:

Class 1, . . L. E. Prentiss,	G. W. Vorhis,	U. G. Humphreys.
Class 2, . . J. S. Pumphrey,	C. F. Enyart,	W. L. Y. Davis.
Class 3, . . P. C. Curnick,	J. S. Whitney,	H. C. Hutchinson,

FINANCE:

Class 1, . . W. J. Baker,	S. G. Pollard,	D. C. Washburn.
Class 2, . . F. Leever,	C. D. Munsey.	J. H. Davis.
Class 3, . . M. B. Fuller,	T. D. Moore,	E. L. Hollingsworth.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY:

Class 1, . . E. O. Buxton,	John Vance,	C. L. Chapman.
Class 2, . . C. E. Schenk,	D. A. McColm,	R. S. Rust.
Class 3, . . F. M. Clemans,	T. Collett,	S. A. Stephan.

MEMOIRS:

To be nominated by presiding elders.

MISSIONS:

Class 1, . . G. W. Dubois,	J. McK. Shultz,	H. C. Middleton.
Class 2, . . A. B. Leonard,	J. W. Patton,	F. C. English.
Class 3, . . W. K. Brown,	A. M. Griffith,	P. Trout.

NEW YORK BOOK ACCOUNTS:

F. E. Vance.

PARSONAGES:

Class 1, . . W. H. Wehrley,	B. F. Oswald,	J. S. Ruggles.
Class 2, . . W. S. Gray,	W. E. Spurrier,	W. M. West.
Class 3, . . T. Cundy,	D. Herr,	J. D. Darling.

PERIODICALS AND BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS:

Class 1, . . J. M. Meeker,	H. C. Weakley,	G. T. Perry.
Class 2, . . G. Roughton,	W. N. Mason,	C. L. Mackey.
Class 3, . . A. N. Spahr,	M. M. Kugler,	G. V. Morris.

POSTMASTER:

W. A. Deaton.

PUBLIC WORSHIP:

Presiding elder and pastors at Springfield.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES:

Conference Secretaries and Treasurer.

QUALIFICATION FOR APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL:

Class 1, . . J. W. Mason,	D. D. Cheney,	A. Bowers.
Class 2, . . W. H. Sutherland,	S. D. Clayton,	M. Kauffman.
Class 3, . . J. F. Loyd	J. W. Cassatt,	J. L. Glascock.

RESOLUTIONS:

Class 1, H. W. Bailey,	C. C. Peale,
Class 2, E. H. Cherington,	J. A. Jenkinson.
Class 3, J. W. Peters,	A. L. Brokaw.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE:

Class 1, . . M. Swadener,	C. Wones,	J. P. Shultz.
Class 2, . . G. L. Travis,	E. S. Gaddis,	C. W. Rishell.
Class 3, . . S. B. Smith,	W. H. Spybey,	E. M. Ellsworth.

STATE OF THE CHURCH:

Class 1, . . J. W. Magruder,	J. J. McCabe,	J. P. Ninde.
Class 2, . . C. W. Barnes,	L. M. Davis,	D. S. Ewry.
Class 3, . . J. G. Vaughan,	Adam Miller,	S. W. Campbell.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CAUSE:

Class 1, . . A. T. Cowgill,	W. M. Coffman,	A. Hamilton.
Class 2, . . H. Miller,	J. R. Hunter,	E. P. James.
Class 3, . . J. H. Lease,	G. M. Fulton,	J. H. Middleton.

TRACT CAUSE:

Class 1, . . R. S. McColm,	C. H. Kalbfus,	J. F. Laird.
Class 2, . . J. W. Lucas,	C. J. Hartley,	H. M. Keck.
Class 3, . . I. R. Marshall,	A. G. Newton,	C. L. Myers.

TEMPERANCE:

Class 1, . . S. B. Smith,	W. M. Patton.	C. W. Briggs.
Class 2, . . A. C. Turrell,	James Stephenson,	W. A. Robinson.
Class 3, . . R. K. Deem,	R. E. Smith,	C. L. Conger.

TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES:

Class 1, . . D. C. Vance,	G. L. Tufts,	W. A. Robinson.
Class 2, . . W. G. Warner,	S. B. Timmons,	J. W. Gaddis.
Class 3, . . G. H. Smith,	J. A. White,	F. M. Kirgan.

CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL, 1896.

NOTE.—The numbers on the left of the name indicate the year of admission into full connection. The letter P on the right shows the attendance.

MEMBERS.			MEMBERS		
1830	Wm. Herr, . . . . .	.....	1861	Simon McChesney,*	.....
1833	Adam Miller,	P.	1862	James Stephenson,	P.
1838	Mighill Dustin,*	.....	"	Thomas J. Harris, . . . . .	.....
1839	James L. Grover, . . . . .	.....	"	Jonathan Verity, . . . . .	.....
1840	Richard A. Arthur, . . . . .	.....	"	J. McKendree Shultz,	P.
1841	Thos. H. Pearne,	P.	"	Adna B. Leonard,	P.
1842	Asbury Lowrey,	P.	1865	Reuben K. Deem,	P.
1844	Wm. I. Fee,	P.	"	John S. Pumphrey,	P.
"	Wesley Webster,*	.....	"	Wm. Runyan,	P.
"	Richard S. Rust,	P.	"	Absalom M. Griffith,	P.
1845	Wm. H. Sutherland,	P.	"	Homer C. Middleton,	P.
1847	Lorenzo D. McCabe, . . . . .	.....	"	Wm. T. McMullen, . . . . .	.....
1848	Wm. J. Quarry, . . . . .	.....	1866	John F. Hull, . . . . .	.....
"	Samuel B. Smith,	P.	"	David C. Vance,	P.
1849	Samuel D. Clayton,	P.	"	James P. Porter,	P.
1850	Michael Kauffman,	P.	1867	Wm. P. Jackson,	P.
"	Jas. T. Bail,	P.	"	Samuel W. Carey,	P.
"	W. H. Black, . . . . .	.....	"	John Pearson,	P.
1851	Wm. L. Hypes,*	.....	"	James Murray,*	.....
"	John F. Loyd,	P.	"	Adam Bowers,	P.
"	Milton P. Zink, . . . . .	.....	1868	Francis M. Clemans,	P.
1852	John F. Marlay,	P.	"	Andrew Hamilton,	P.
"	John W. Cassatt,	P.	"	John W. Peters,	P.
"	Thomas Collett,	P.	"	Randolph E. Smith,	P.
"	Silas Bennett,	P.	1869	Edward T. Wells,	P.
1853	Wm. Q. Shannon,	P.	"	Carey T. Crum,	P.
1854	Timothy Wones, . . . . .	.....	"	Frank G. Mitchell,	P.
1856	John Vance, . . . . .	.....	1870	J. Raper Hunter,	P.
1857	George M. Edgar,	P.	"	Richard H. Rust,	P.
"	William N. Maxey, . . . . .	.....	1871	Seren N. Marsh, . . . . .	.....
"	Albert N. Spahr,	P.	"	Wm. A. Robinson,	P.
"	Evan P. James,	P.	1872	Edmund Burdsall,	P.
1858	George H. Dart,	P.	"	John Wilson,	P.
"	Henry M. Keck,	P.	"	James S. Whitney,	P.
"	David J. Starr,	P.	"	Henry Miller,	P.
"	John W. Mason,	P.	"	Elisha C. Smith,*	.....
"	Wm. B. Moler, . . . . .	.....	"	David D. Cheney,	P.
"	John G. Black,	P.	1873	Lucien M. Davis,	P.
"	Edward McHugh,	P.	"	Charles H. Kalbfus,	P.
"	John H. Middleton, . . . . .	.....	"	Charles J. Wells,	P.
"	William K. Brown,	P.	"	Lafayette Young, . . . . .	.....
"	John L. Gregg, . . . . .	.....	"	Wm. M. West,	P.
"	H. A. M. Henderson,	P.	1875	D. Lee Aultman,	P.
1859	Fletcher W. Hypes, . . . . .	.....	"	Samuel G. Pollard,	P.
"	Sullivan W. Edmiston,	P.	1876	Wm. J. Baker,	P.
"	James P. Shultz,	P.	"	John H. Davis,	P.
"	Charles H. Payne,	P.	"	John A. Easton,	P.
1860	John M. Walden,†	P.	"	John W. Gaddis, . . . . .	.....
"	John H. Lease,	P.	"	James F. McColm,	P.
"	Sylvester Weeks, . . . . .	.....	"	Thomas Cundy,	P.
"	George W. Fee, . . . . .	.....	"	Lyman E. Prentiss,	P.
"	Newton W. Darlington, . . . . .	.....	1877	Allen D. Maddox,	P.
"	George K. Morris,	P.	"	Matthias M. Kugler,	P.
1861	Thornton E. Fidler,	P.	"	George W. Dubois,	P.
"	Isaac W. Joyce,†	.....	"	Jacob E. H. Sentman,	P.

* Deceased. † Honorary members.

MEMBERS.			MEMBERS.		
1877	Gilbert L. Travis,	P.	1889	Giovanni B. Giambruno,†	P.
"	Joseph I. Taggart, . . . .	.....	1890	Thomas G. Williams, . . .	P.
"	James S. Ruggles,	P.	"	Oren D. Becker,	P.
"	Henry W. Bailey,	P.	"	Calvin W. Elliott,	P.
1878	Frank Leever,	P.	"	Charles Hartley,	P.
"	Charles W. Rishell, . . . .	.....	"	Eugene S. Gaddis,	P.
"	James W. Bashford, . . . .	.....	"	Ira Edgar Price, . . . .	.....
1879	Henry C. Weakley,	P.	"	Abbott G. Newton,	P.
"	Stanley O. Royal,	P.	"	Henry Hershey,	P.
"	John A. White,	P.	"	Isaac Clay Page,*	.....
"	John A. Story,	P.	"	John H. McNary,	P.
1880	David A. McColm,	P.	1891	James W. Magruder, . . .	P.
"	Samuel B. Ricketts,**	.....	"	Paul C. Curnick,	P.
"	Charles L. Conger,	P.	"	James E. Abrams,	P.
"	Jeremiah W. Hickman, . . .	.....	"	Reuben S. McColm, . . .	P.
"	Charles W. Gullette,	P.	1892	Gervaise Roughton, . . .	P.
1881	Valorous F. Brown,	P.	"	John P. Ninde,	P.
"	Benj. D. Hypes,	P.	"	Cyrus M. Van Pelt,	P.
"	Edward T. Lane,	P.	"	James R. Hill,	P.
"	Robert G. Easley,**	.....	"	Geo. T. Perry,	P.
"	Canaro D. Munsey,	P.	"	Wm. E. Spurrier,	P.
"	Edwin O. Buxton,	P.	"	Frank C. English, . . . .	.....
"	Jonathan M. Meeker,	P.	"	Philip Trout,	P.
1882	Francis M. Kirgan,	P.	"	John A. Winkler,	P.
"	Leonidas O. Deputy,	P.	"	Abraham L. Brokaw, . . .	P.
"	Charles H. Haines,	P.	"	William H. Spybey,	P.
"	Madison Swadener,	P.	1893	John W. Lucas,	P.
"	Charles F. Enyart,	P.	"	Ulysses G. Humphrey, . . .	P.
1883	Charles W. Barnes,	P.	"	George W. Vorhis,	P.
"	Marion LeSourd,	P.	"	William H. Wehrley, . . .	P.
"	D. W. C. Washburn,	P.	"	William M. Coffman, . . .	P.
"	Geo. S. Easton,	P.	"	Homer G. Curless, . . . .	.....
1884	Edgar H. Cherington, . . .	P.	"	Walter S. Gray,	P.
"	James L. Glascock,	P.	"	Albert C. Turrell,	P.
"	John J. McCabe,	P.	"	William A. Deaton,	P.
"	Creighton Wones,	P.	"	George V. Morris,	P.
"	John G. Vaughan,	P.	"	Marcellus B. Fuller, . . .	P.
"	Merrick E. Ketcham,	P.	"	John E. Beery,	P.
1885	Wilbur G. Warner,	P.	1894	David S. Ewry,	P.
"	John L. Dalbey,	P.	"	William T. Stafford, . . .	P.
"	Gilbert P. Austin,	P.	"	James D. Darling,	P.
1886	George M. Fulton,	P.	"	William A. Wiant,	P.
"	Heber D. Ketcham,	P.	"	David Herr,	P.
"	Jacob L. Shively,	P.	"	Calvin W. Horn,	P.
"	Geo. L. Tufts,	P.	"	William L. Y. Davis, . . .	P.
1887	John F. Laird,	P.	"	Joseph W. Patton,	P.
"	Wm. R. Dudley, . . . .	.....	1895	Benjamin F. Oswald, . . .	P.
"	Amos T. Cowgill,	P.	"	Isaac R. Marshall,	P.
"	Frank E. Vance,	P.	"	Charles L. Mackey,	P.
"	Thomas P. Walter,	P.	"	Harley E. Armacost, . . .	P.
1888	Alpheus B. Austin,	P.	"	William M. Patton,	P.
"	Samuel W. Campbell,	P.	"	Charles E. Schenk,	P.
"	James R. Colley,	P.	"	William P. McVey,‡	.....
1889	Chas. W. Briggs,	P.	"	William C. Mitchell,††	P.
"	Owen M. Sellers,	P.	1896	Edward L. Hollingsworth,	P.
"	Thomas D. Moore,	P.	"	George H. Smith,	P.

* Deceased. † Transferred to Genesee Conference.

** Located. †† Transferred to Puget Sound Conference.

‡ Transferred to Foochow Conference.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. AFTER the usual **opening** religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.

2. No **motion** shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.

3. All **motions** shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.

4. Every member desiring to **speak** on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.

5. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the **floor**.

6. No member shall **speak** more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.

7. All questions of **order** shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to Conference, without debate.

8. When any question is under debate, no **motion** shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be **in order**, and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

9. If the question before the Conference be capable of **division**, upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.

10. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors**, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

11. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

12. If any member call for the **previous question**, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.

13. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman**, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.

14. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence**.

15. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.

16. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.

17. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes**, upon the call of fifteen members.

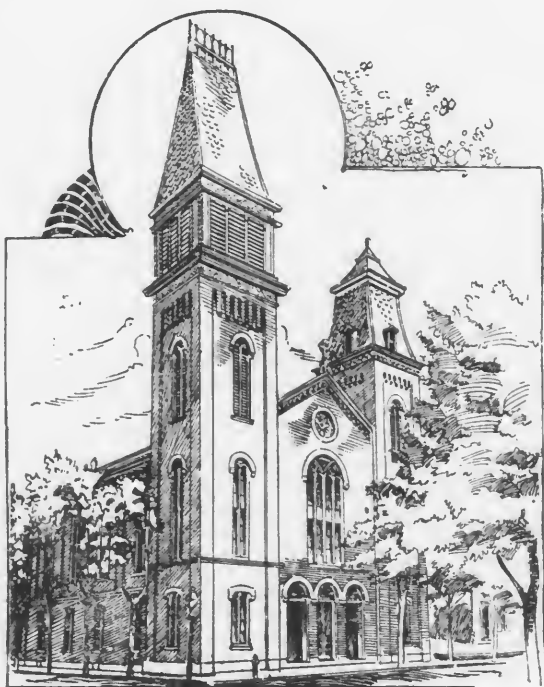
18. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.

19. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.

20. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question**, or to move to lay the same on the table.

21. Standing **Committees** shall be divided into **three equal classes**, to serve from the first appointment one, two, and three years respectively; and all appointments thereafter shall be for three years, any member being eligible to re-appointment.

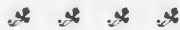
22. The **first meeting** of each Standing Committee shall be held at 1.30 P. M. on the first day of the Conference Session, in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.



GREENE STREET CHURCH, PIQUA, O.

II.

Journal of Proceedings.



FIRST DAY.

PIQUA, OHIO, September 2, 1896.

Opening.—The Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met at Piqua, O., for its forty-fifth session. Bishop Stephen M. Merrill, D. D., LL. D., opened the session by the reading of the seventy-second Psalm and the tenth chapter of Romans. Hymn No. 256 was sung, and the Bishop led in prayer. The holy communion was then administered to two hundred and forty-eight participants. Bishop Walden, T. H. Pearne, J. G. Black, E. T. Wells, J. F. Marlay, William Runyan, S. D. Clayton, M. Kauffman, and A. Lowrey assisted in the administration.

Roll-Call.—The roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, and one hundred and forty-seven members responded to their names.

Officers.—Stanley O. Royal was re-elected Secretary by acclamation, and his assistants were nominated by him and elected as follows: V. F. Brown, Heber D. Ketcham, D. Lee Aultman, and M. B. Fuller. The latter was designated as Secretary for railroad certificates.

J. H. McNary was re-elected Statistical Secretary, with C. S. Enyart and W. T. Stafford assistants.

As Treasurer C. W. Elliott was re-elected, with O. M. Sellers and C. W. Horn assistants.

Rules of Order.—On motion of D. J. Starr, the Rules of Order as printed in the Minutes of last year were re-adopted. On motion of F. G. Mitchell, two additional Rules of Order, referring to the composition of Standing Committees and their times of meeting, were adopted. (See Rules 21, 22.)

The Bar of the Conference was fixed at the farther side of the third window from the front in the audience-room.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, 8.30 A. M. was fixed as the time of meeting, the first half hour to be spent in devotional services. The hour of 11.45 A. M. was designated as the time for adjournment.

Visitors.—The following visiting ministers were introduced: Charles Herron, of the Presbyterian Church in Troy; J. W. Miller and W. H. Leatherman, of the Central Ohio Conference; E. S. Gillette, of the East Ohio; W. H. Spybey, a recent transfer from the Kentucky Conference; T. L. Hughes, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church in Piqua; J. W. Hamilton, D. D., Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; and Thomas Robjont, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Dayton.

Leave of absence was granted Philip Trout to attend a funeral.

Standing Committees.—The list of Standing Committees as nominated last year was read by the Secretary, and, after a few changes, they were adopted. (See page 6.)

A Committee on Memoirs was constituted as follows: G. W. Dubois, B. D. Hypes, L. M. Davis, F. M. Clemans, W. J. Baker, C. M. Van Pelt, D. J. Starr, J. M. Meeker, R. E. Smith, J. F. Marlay, J. G. Vaughan.

On motion of A. Lowrey, Bishop Merrill was requested, by a rising vote, to preach this afternoon at half-past three o'clock. The Bishop asking to be excused, the Conference adopted the printed program prepared by the Committee on Public Worship.

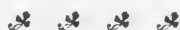
Addresses.—E. S. Gillette, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society, addressed the Conference concerning the work of the Society.

J. W. Hamilton, D. D., addressed the body concerning the condition and needs of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Bishop Merrill presented to proper committees papers sent to the Conference in his care. George T. Perry was appointed to take charge of the account of the *World Wide Missions* and of the *Gospel in All Lands*.

Bishop Merrill announced that Bishop Walden would preside at the afternoon session, and S. B. Smith was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises.

The session adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop J. M. Walden.



AFTERNOON SESSION.

THE Conference was called to order at half-past two o'clock by Bishop Walden. The devotional exercises were conducted by S. B. Smith.

On motion of William Runyan, it was directed that the preaching of the Missionary Sermon be the order of the day, in open Conference, immediately after the gathering of statistical reports.

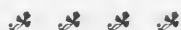
The roll of charges was then called, and the statistical and financial reports were collected.

J. P. Porter was appointed to lead the devotional services to-morrow morning.

At the request of Bishop Walden, E. Burdsall, Vice-President of the Conference Missionary Society, was invited to preside during the preaching of the Missionary Sermon.

Missionary Sermon.—After an appropriate hymn was sung, John Pearson preached the Annual Missionary Sermon to a large and interested congregation.

The Conference then adjourned.



SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 3, 1896.

THE devotional exercises of this morning's session were conducted by J. P. Porter.

At 9 o'clock, Bishop Merrill took the chair. The roll of absentees of yesterday's session was called, and twenty-three additional members responded, making a total attendance of one hundred and seventy.

The journal of Wednesday morning's session was read and

approved. The minutes of the afternoon session were read and also approved.

On motion of J. P. Porter, George K. Morris was added to the Committee on Education.

A. Lowrey offered the following, which was adopted and referred:

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire if the time has not come for the establishment of a Theological Department at the Ohio Wesleyan University.

T. H. Pearne announced a contribution of twenty-five dollars from W. H. Black for the Missionary Society.

Draft Ordered.—The Bishop presented a draft from the Book Concern for the sum of \$1,776 for the Conference claimants, subject to the order of this body. The draft was ordered made and paid to the Stewards.

John Pearson, on motion of the Secretary, was added to the Committee on Publication of the Minutes.

On motion of John Pearson, it was directed that the reports of salaries on circuits be published this year as last year. On motion of the Secretary, W. J. Baker was appointed Assistant Secretary to gather the circuit salary report.

The Thirteenth Question—"Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?"—was taken up. R. H. Rust, presiding elder of the Cincinnati District, was called, his character passed, and he reported the state of the work in his district.

E. T. Wells, presiding elder of the Dayton District, was called, his character passed, and he presented a report of the work in his district.

George H. Dart, presiding elder of the Georgetown District, was called, his character passed, and he represented the condition of his district.

T. H. Pearne, presiding elder of the Hillsboro District, was called, his character passed, and he gave the report of the work in his district.

J. F. Marlay, presiding elder of the Springfield District, was called, his character passed, and he presented a report of the work under his care.

On motion of C. H. Payne, a cordial vote of thanks to the

elders for their able and careful reports was given, and they were requested to furnish for the Minutes a full abstract of the same.

The presiding elders were questioned by the Bishop in open Conference concerning the carrying out of the Disciplinary Rules with regard to missionary work, also concerning the character of the effective elders in their Districts.

Western Christian Advocate.—B. F. Rawlins, D. D., assistant editor of the Western Christian Advocate, was introduced, and spoke briefly in regard to the importance of that periodical.

Conference Examinations.—Frank G. Mitchell offered the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee, to whom was referred last year a report concerning Conference Examinations, begs leave to say:

First. We are glad to learn that the Bishops have, under the authority given by the General Conference of 1892, adopted and reported, to the recent General Conference a method of examinations which is substantially the same as that referred to us for consideration.

Second. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That, in our judgment, there should be not fewer than fifteen examiners appointed by the presiding Bishop for the work of the Cincinnati Conference.

2. That it shall be the duty of the Board of Examiners to act as instructors as well as examiners, and they shall hold, in the autumn and again in the spring, meetings for examination and for instruction by lectures of specialists and otherwise, if it be found practicable.

3. That the Board of Examiners shall organize such departments of study as they may deem wise, to which the members shall be assigned by the Chairman.

4. That we commend to all undergraduates the "Itinerant's Club" among the Editorial Departments of the Methodist Review.

FRANK G. MITCHELL, Secretary.

W. A. ROBINSON, Chairman.

Transfers.—R. K. Deem offered the following paper, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The number of charges in this Conference that can afford an adequate support to a pastor is less than the number of effective ministers thus crowding the Conference, to the painful embarrassment of many of our brethren; and

WHEREAS, The prevailing financial depression forbids the extension of our work, and is effecting unfavorably our ministerial support; therefore,

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Conference hereby most respectfully and earnestly request the presiding Bishop not to transfer any minister into

this Conference, unless some minister of like grade is provided for by transfer out of the Conference.

E. T. WELLS,	C. W. GULLETTE,	T. H. PEARNE,
S. O. ROYAL,	J. F. MARLAY,	R. K. DEEM,
W. A. ROBINSON,	H. C. WEAKLEY,	D. J. STARR,
J. G. VAUGHAN,	C. W. BARNES,	A. B. LEONARD.
V. F. BROWN,	FRANK G. MITCHELL,	

C. H. Payne offered the following additional resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference exercise great care in receiving members into this body by its own vote.

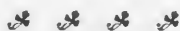
Lakeside.—C. W. Barnes moved that a Committee on Lakeside Camp-meeting be appointed, to consist of one from each district. The motion was carried, and the Committee appointed, as follows: John Pearson, J. S. Pumphrey, J. W. Mason, Heber D. Ketcham, and V. F. Brown.

The Bishop presented papers, which were referred to the proper Committees.

Laymen's Association.—It was announced that the Cincinnati Conference Laymen's Convention is in session in this city, and, on motion of Paul C. Curnick, a Committee of Greeting was appointed, as follows: C. H. Payne, P. C. Curnick, and W. A. Robinson.

F. M. Clemans was granted leave of absence for the present session.

The announcements were given. R. K. Deem was appointed to conduct the devotions to-morrow morning, and the Conference adjourned by limitation of time. The doxology was sung, and Adam Miller gave the benediction.



THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 4th.

At half-past eight o'clock this morning's session was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by R. K. Deem.

At nine o'clock Bishop Merrill took the chair.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed, and the following effective elders were called, and those in charge reported their collec-

tions: E. O. Buxton, J. H. Lease, F. M. Kirgan, M. M. Kugler, John Pearson, R. E. Smith, W. A. Deaton, C. Wones, S. G. Pollard, D. J. Starr, E. McHugh, E. T. Lane, J. W. Gaddis, H. Hershey, A. C. Turrell, G. Roughton, C. W. Gullette, J. W. Magruder, G. L. Tufts, C. E. Schenk, G. P. Austin, C. T. Crum, H. A. M. Henderson, C. W. Barnes, J. Stephenson, D. L. Aultman, A. D. Maddox, M. E. Ketcham, W. M. West, A. B. Austin, J. M. Meeker, R. S. Rust, C. H. Payne, J. W. Bashford, A. Lowrey, H. C. Weakley, G. K. Morris, W. K. Brown, M. Swadener, H. W. Bailey, G. L. Travis, H. C. Middleton, F. M. Clemans, W. A. Robinson, L. E. Prentiss, E. Burdsall, J. P. Ninde, J. L. Shively, W. M. Coffman, O. D. Becker, C. H. Haines, J. McK. Shultz, J. W. Peters, D. A. McColm, J. S. Pumphrey, William Runyan, J. H. McNary, E. H. Cherington, J. F. McColm, G. W. Vorhis, J. T. Bail, T. Cundy, T. Collett, William Herr, T. P. Walter, W. P. Jackson, G. V. Morris, J. H. Davis, W. S. Gray, A. G. Newton, T. G. Williams, S. W. Campbell, M. B. Fuller, G. S. Easton, C. H. Kalbfus, J. P. Porter, J. S. Whitney, T. D. Moore, E. S. Gaddis, J. W. Mason, W. E. Spurrier, C. W. Elliott, W. J. Baker, J. R. Hunter, D. W. C. Washburn, J. E. Abrams, C. W. Briggs, J. F. Laird, G. M. Fulton, G. T. Perry, A. Hamilton, J. A. Winkler, D. D. Cheney, M. LeSourd, H. D. Ketcham, D. C. Vance, O. M. Sellers, J. E. H. Sentman, John Wilson, W. G. Warner, C. J. Wells, Philip Trout, R. S. McColm, J. A. Easton, J. S. Ruggles, J. R. Colley, F. Leever, A. T. Cowgill, A. N. Spahr, U. G. Humphrey, J. J. McCabe, C. M. Van Pelt, C. S. Enyart, J. L. Dalbey, C. D. Munsey, F. E. Vance, C. L. Conger, A. L. Brokaw, L. M. Davis, W. C. Mitchell, B. D. Hypes, V. F. Brown, J. P. Shultz, P. C. Curnick, J. A. Story, J. R. Hill, J. A. White, S. O. Royal, L. O. Deputy, G. W. Dubois, J. G. Vaughan, R. K. Deem, L. D. McCabe, A. B. Leonard, and C. W. Rishell. The character of each of the above passed.

Examinations.—The Bishop announced the following persons as composing the Committee on Examinations: W. A. Robinson, C. W. Barnes, G. W. Dubois, J. A. White, J. P. Porter, C. L. Conger, W. H. Wehrley, U. G. Humphrey, F. G. Mitchell, A. C. Turrell, F. M. Clemans, Heber D. Ketcham, J. E. Abrams, E. O. Buxton, and J. A. Story.

Book Concern.—Lewis Curts, D. D., Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced, and addressed the Conference concerning the work of our publishing-house.

D. J. Starr presented the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That we approve the plan of the Book Agent to supply Methodist Hymnals at exceedingly low prices, and that we recommend that our Church Hymnal be used in all our Sunday-schools and congregations, and that as pastors we will use our influence to have them introduced to such general use as early as possible.

Laymen's Association.—C. H. Payne, from the Committee on Greetings to the Laymen's Association, reported that they had visited the Convention, and that a committee of laymen, bearing reciprocal greetings, was present. I. N. Miller, William West, and O. G. Brown, were then introduced as representing the Laymen's Association. Mr. I. N. Miller, in a brief address, expressed the pleasure of the laymen in the greetings and good-will of the Conference.

Stewards' Report.—The Conference Stewards presented their preliminary report.

J. Pearson moved that, in view of the new definition of Conference claimants, found in the Discipline, paragraph 292, the Board of Stewards be instructed to report to this Conference the full list of claimants on our Conference funds, also all of these claimants who have relinquished their claims, and of those whose claims they recommend should be disallowed. This motion was adopted, and the report was recommitted to the Board of Stewards.

Bishop Thoburn.—Pending the above motion, J. M. Thoburn, Bishop of India, entering the Conference-room, was greeted with applause, and was introduced to the body.

On motion of C. H. Payne, the request of S. B. Smith, that the representative of the Anti-saloon League be allowed to address the Conference to-morrow morning, was granted.

J. L. Glascock informed the Conference of the serious illness of J. W. Gaddis, and on his motion a Committee was appointed to send a letter of sympathy. The Committee consisted of J. L. Glascock, H. C. Weakley, and J. T. Bail.

The Fifth Question—“*Who have been Continued on Trial*”—was taken up. The names of the following were called, their character passed, they reported their collections, and were represented by Examining Committees and presiding elders, and the following action was taken: Earl M. Ellsworth was passed to the class of the second year, but was required to pass an examination in History next year. Charles L. Chapman was passed to the class of the second year, and was conditioned on History. C. C. Peale was conditioned on Harman's Introduction, Exegesis, and History, and passed to the class of the second year. S. A. Stephan was conditioned on Harman's Introduction and History, and passed to the class of the second year. Stephen B. Timmons, having passed all the examinations during his previous connection with this Conference, was advanced to the class of the second year. J. A. Jenkinson was also advanced, being conditioned on History. Clifford L. Meyers was passed to the second year's class.

The Ninth Question—“*What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year*”—was called. The following persons reported their collections, were represented by their presiding elders and examiners, and were advanced to the class of the fourth year: Charles L. Mackey, W. M. Patton, and I. R. Marshall, the latter being conditioned on Hermeneutics. Harley E. Armacost, at his own request, was continued in the class of the third year, with permission to attend school. B. F. Oswald was continued in the class of the third year. W. P. McVey was continued in the studies of the third year, and his transfer to the Foochow Conference was announced.

D. Lee Aultman was appointed to lead the devotions tomorrow morning.

Notices were given, the doxology sung, and the benediction was given by Bishop J. M. Thoburn.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 5th.

THIS morning's session was opened with devotions led by D. Lee Aultman.

At nine o'clock Bishop Merrill opened Conference for the transaction of business.

The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

The Tenth Question—" *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*"—was considered. The members of the class of the fourth year were called; they reported their collection, were represented by their presiding elders and Examining Committees, and were elected to elders' orders, as follows: Joseph W. Patton, John W. Lucas, William H. Wehrley, William M. Patton, David Herr, Calvin W. Horn, James D. Darling, William A. Wiant, Wilbur L. Y. Davis, David S. Ewry, and William T. Stafford. Homer G. Curless, not having been before the Committee, was represented by his presiding elder, and continued in the studies of the fourth year.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the name of William I. Fee was referred to the Board of Stewards for an appropriation. On motion of T. H. Pearne, the same action was taken in case of L. F. Young.

The Seventh Question—" *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*"—was taken up. Henry C. Hutchinson, George H. Smith, and Edward L. Hollingsworth were called, were asked the Disciplinary questions, and were addressed by the Bishop.

Upon invitation of Bishop Merrill, Bishop Walden took the chair. Each of the above candidates for reception reported his collections, was represented by his Examining Committee and presiding elder, and George H. Smith and E. L. Hollingsworth were admitted into full membership and elected to deacons' orders.

Henry C. Hutchinson was continued on trial in the studies of the second year, credit being allowed him in such studies as he has satisfactorily passed.

George B. Shanor was continued on trial in the studies of the third year.

Wilbur N. Mason was continued on trial in the studies of the fourth year, and the Bishop was requested to leave him without an appointment to attend one of our schools.

The examiners in the studies of the third year reported that George H. Smith had passed in those studies, and by vote he was advanced to studies of the fourth year.

The Eleventh Question—“*What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*”—was taken up. James Allen Geissinger, recommended by the Quarterly Conference at Groesbeck, was represented by the examiners and presiding elder, and was elected to Deacon's orders as a Local Preacher.

The Twelfth Question—“*What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*”—was called. Jacob H. Locke, bearing a recommendation from the Winton Place Quarterly Conference, Cincinnati District, was represented by the examiners and presiding elder, and he was elected to Elder's orders as a Local Deacon.

Admission of Women.—A. B. Leonard moved that on Monday morning the vote on constitutional questions be the order of the day immediately after the reading of the journal, and it was so ordered.

William Herr.—A letter from William Herr was read, containing a contribution of two dollars to the Preachers' Relief Society. The Secretary was directed to respond, expressing the sympathy and fraternal regards of the Conference.

Visitors.—The following visitors were introduced: S. L. Beiler, D. D., of Washington, D. C.; Rev. P. A. Baker, of the Ohio Conference; Rev. H. J. Bigley, of the Central Ohio Conference; Dr. C. W. Drees, of South America; Rev. Wesley J. Naftzger, Secretary of the North Indiana Conference.

Rev. T. D. Crow, a local elder of Urbana, a Conference classmate of Bishop Merrill fifty years ago, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

By vote, the time was extended.

Rev. P. A. Baker, representing the Anti-saloon League of Ohio, addressed the Conference.

S. L. Beiler also addressed the Conference, in the interest of the American University.

A communication from the National Anti-saloon League was presented and referred to the Temperance Committee. Also one from the Ohio Wesleyan University was referred to the Committee on Education.

Camp-meetings.—G. L. Tufts presented the following, which was adopted, and referred to the Committee on Lakeside:

WHEREAS, We have appointed a Committee on Lakeside to report on a camp-meeting one hundred miles beyond the bounds of our Conference; and

WHEREAS, There are prominent camp-meetings within our limits; therefore,

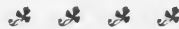
Resolved, That the name of this Committee be changed to Committee on Camp-meetings, and that the Committee be instructed to include in their report some recommendation regarding the prominent camp-meetings within the bounds of this Conference.

G. L. TUFTS,

D. LEE AULTMAN,

J. G. VAUGHAN.

The announcements were made, and the session adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Merrill.



FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 7, 1896

AT 8.30 o'clock, this morning's session was opened with devotional services conducted by J. T. Bail.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Transfers.—The following transfers were announced by the Bishop: J. A. Story, from the Pittsburg Conference; W. H. Spybey, from the Kentucky Conference; Rufus J. Wyckoff, a local deacon on trial in studies of the third year, from the East Maine Conference; John E. Beery, from the West Wisconsin Conference.

Constitutional Questions.—The Order of the Day, the consideration of the constitutional changes proposed by the last General Conference, was taken up. Proposition I, relating to Eligibility, and Proposition II, relating to Equal Ministerial and Lay Representation, were read by the Secretary, as follows:

PROPOSITION I. "That § 2, ¶ 67, be altered by striking out all the words in said section, following the word "provided" in the fifth line of said

section, and inserting instead thereof new clauses, so that the entire section shall read:

"SECTION 2. The General Conference shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference, nor of a less number than one for every forty-five; nor of more than two lay delegates for any Annual Conference: *Provided* that no person shall be chosen a delegate to the General Conference, or to an Electoral Conference, who shall be under twenty-five years of age, or who shall not have been a member of the Church in full connection for the five consecutive years preceding the election; and *provided*, also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one Ministerial and one Lay Delegate: *Provided*, nevertheless, that where there shall be in any Conference a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction."

PROPOSITION II. To amend § 2, ¶ 67, of the Discipline so that the section shall read as follows:

"The General Conference shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference, nor of a less number than one for every forty-five: *Provided*, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed by the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction; and *provided*, also, that there shall be from each Annual Conference lay delegates equal in number to the ministerial delegates; and *provided*, further, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one Ministerial and one Lay Delegate."

On motion of T. H. Pearne, it was decided by a count vote of 64 to 63 to take the vote upon these propositions by ballot.

J. E. H. Sentman, E. McHugh, E. O. Buxton, and J. W. Peters were appointed tellers.

On motion of C. H. Payne, it was decided that the ballot be taken upon the two propositions separately.

The vote on the first proposition was taken, and the tellers retired.

J. L. Shively, O. D. Becker, C. W. Horn, and J. W. Magruder were appointed tellers for the ballot on the Second Proposition. The vote was taken, and the tellers retired.

Conference Claimants' Funds.—The Stewards asked for instruction regarding the proceeds of the Chartered Fund and the proceeds of the Book Concern dividend.

On motion of H. C. Weakley, these funds were directed to be used this year for necessitous Conference claimants.

Eligibility.—The vote on Constitutional Changes was announced, as follows:

For Proposition I, 127; against, 28.

For Proposition II, 112; against, 39; blank, 1.

[The result here recorded was changed by the deposit of additional ballots at the next day's session. See page 32.—EDITOR.]

John Pearson offered the following, which was adopted:

That a Committee of five members of this Conference be appointed to consider and report on the provisions of the Discipline, ¶ 292-3, relating to the special Annuity Fund.

Bringing the Sheaves.—C. H. Payne offered the following, and it was adopted:

We are gratified to know that, in accordance with a resolution passed by this Conference several years ago, our revered and beloved brother, the Rev. Dr. W. I. Fee, has recently given to the Church a volume entitled "Bringing the Sheaves." This volume is an autobiography of a life singularly consecrated to holy ministries in behalf of humanity, and crowned in almost unparalleled degree with the highest success. The book records in modest terms the most remarkable events crowded into his humble and unostentatious ministry; its pages are more fascinating than romance. The record of such a heaven-blessed ministry is an invaluable treasure to the whole Church. It shows what God can do, and what he will do, with a Spirit-filled and Spirit-led man.

We congratulate Dr. Fee, that he has been spared to complete this important work. We heartily commend this volume to the whole Church, and especially to the Christian Ministry as furnishing a stimulus and an inspiration seldom found in modern issues from the press.

C. H. PAYNE,	F. G. MITCHELL,	A. B. LEONARD,
C. W. BARNES,	S. D. CLAYTON,	JOHN PEARSON,
J. F. MARLAY,	D. J. STARR,	A. LOWREY.

HOWARD HENDERSON,

On motion of Howard Henderson, the vote recommitting the report of the Board of Stewards, and instructing them to report the names of all Disciplinary claimants, was reconsidered, and on motion of A. D. Maddox, it was laid on the table.

The Fourth Question—"Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up, and the following persons were recommended:

James A. Geissinger, from Groesbeck Quarterly Conference; Warren J. Dunham, from Cleves and Addyston Quarterly Conference; Archie W. Hook, from Homestead Avenue, Dayton Quarterly Conference; Ellahue A. Harper, from Germantown

Quarterly Conference; Norman Selby, from Gordon Quarterly Conference; Harvey O. Collins, from Williamsburg Circuit Quarterly Conference; Alexander D. Foster, from Marathon Quarterly Conference; Harry S. Stephenson, from Manchester Quarterly Conference; William L. Spence, from Goshen Quarterly Conference; Alpheus H. Davis, from Hillsboro Circuit Quarterly Conference; Lewis E. Linzell, from Mechanicsburg Quarterly Conference; Charles F. B. Runyan, from Catawba Circuit Quarterly Conference; Serafino Bernalto, from Venice, Italy, Quarterly Conference.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the presiding elders and the two Committees who have examined the candidates for admission on trial shall confer and report to the Conference the number and names of those who should be received on trial at this session.

A further consideration of Question Four was postponed till after the meeting of the Committee just ordered.

The hour for the Memorial Service having arrived, on motion of T. H. Pearne it was postponed until 1.30 o'clock this afternoon.

The Twenty-second Question—“*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*”—was taken up. W. Q. Shannon, S. B. Smith, W. B. Moler, A. Bowers, W. H. Black, Jonathan Verity, Charles Hartley, and Sylvester Weeks were continued in the supernumerary relation.

Conference Evangelists.—J. L. Glascock, S. D. Clayton, and W. I. Fee were given an effective relation, and the Bishop was requested to appoint them Conference evangelists.

L. F. Young was given a superannuated relation.

Located.—S. B. Ricketts and R. G. Easley were granted certificates of location at their own request.

On motion, the time was extended.

History of Freedmen's Aid.—A. B. Leonard offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Bishop Walden has been intimately associated with our work among the colored people of the South from the period of their emancipation until the present; and

WHEREAS, No history of that work has been written, except in a fragmentary way through the religious and secular press; therefore,

Resolved, That we request Bishop Walden to write a history of our

work among the colored people in the South, and have it published at as early a day as may be practicable.

A. B. LEONARD,	W. I. FEE,	FRANK G. MITCHELL,
HOWARD HENDERSON,	C. H. PAYNE,	J. W. MAGRUDER.

Notices were given. J. F. Loyd was appointed to lead the devotions this afternoon, and C. D. Munsey to-morrow morning.

The session adjourned, with the benediction by W. H. Sutherland.



AFTERNOON SESSION.

THE afternoon session was called to order at half-past one o'clock by Bishop Walden.

J. F. Loyd conducted the devotional services.

Memoirs.—The Order of the Day was taken up, and the Fifteenth Question was called: "*Who have Died?*"

F. M. Clemans read the memoir of Mighill Dustin.

The memoir of Wesley Webster was read by Edmund Burdsall.

William A. Robinson read the memoir of William L. Hypes. Two stanzas of the hymn beginning,

"Servant of God, well done,"

were sung, after which R. E. Smith, Chairman of the Committee, upon invitation of Bishop Walden, took the chair, and J. M. Meeker read the memoir of Simon McChesney.

George W. Dubois read the memoir of James Murray.

Bishop Walden resumed the chair, and the memoir of Isaac C. Page was read by W. J. Baker.

D. J. Starr read the memoir of E. C. Smith, after which one stanza of the hymn,

"It is not death to die,"

was sung.

The memoir of Sister Elizabeth Fowble was read by L. M. Davis. C. M. Van Pelt read the memoir of Sister George C. Crum. And the memoir of Sister Luella Jane Davis was read by R. E. Smith.

Appropriate and tender remarks were made by many of the

brethren respecting the departed, after which, upon motion of William Runyan, the memoirs of the deceased ministers, as read, were adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes, with suitable condensations.

On motion, those preparing memoirs were instructed to furnish a duplicate copy of the same for the General Minutes.

The memoirs of the deceased wives as read, together with a suitable one yet to be prepared for Mrs. J. L. Grover, were adopted and ordered edited and published in the Minutes.

The memorial service closed with one stanza,

"My heavenly home is bright and fair."

Conference Stewards.—The Secretary of the Board of Conference Stewards read their final report, and, on motion of William Runyan, the report was adopted.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the plan of examinations for the undergraduates, as prepared by the Examining Committee, was ordered printed in the Minutes. (For plan see page 138.)

J. W. Bashford.—A letter of greeting to the Conference was read by the Secretary from J. W. Bashford.

Cincinnati Church Extension Society.—The Annual Report of the Cincinnati Church Extension Society was read, and, on motion of D. J. Starr, was received, ordered edited and published in the Minutes. (See page 134.)

On motion, the Bishop was requested to reappoint Madison Swadener Superintendent of the Cincinnati Church Extension Society.

Episcopal Fund.—A communication from the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, announcing the apportionment to this Conference to be \$2,068, was read, and, on motion, it was referred to the presiding elders for distribution among the charges.

G. P. Austin read the report of the Committee on the American Bible Society, and it was adopted. (See page 92.)

The report of the Committee on Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital was read by M. B. Fuller, and, on motion, adopted (See page 96.)

By motion, the Conference requested the reappointment of H. C. Weakley as Superintendent of the Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital.

U. G. Humphrey read the report of the Committee on Epworth League, and, on motion, it was adopted. (See page 100.)

Paul C. Curnick offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we request the Annual Fifth General Conference District Epworth League Convention, which is to be held in Columbus next November, to organize a State Epworth League to take the place of the present Fifth General Conference District Organization.

T. H. Pearne.—C. W. Barnes offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Dr. T. H. Pearne, an honored and able minister of this Conference, having had large experience in public and journalistic service, has in many ways accomplished great good in both Church and State; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express to him our high regard, and express the hope that he will be able to place his Reminiscences in printed form. If it be feasible, we suggest and request that he prepare such a volume, which we believe will be of great interest and value.

C. W. BARNES,	J. A. STORY,	C. L. CONGER,
D. LEE AULTMAN,	M. M. KUGLER,	JOHN PEARSON,
F. G. MITCHELL,	G. W. DUBOIS,	WILLIAM RUNYAN.

J. P. Porter presented the abstract of the Minutes of the Conference Board of Trustees, which was ordered printed without reading. (See page 132.)

John Pearson presented a report of the Mears Bequest, which was ordered printed in the Minutes without reading. (See page 134.)

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the session adjourned, with the benediction by William A. Spencer.



SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 8, 1896.

THIS morning's session opened at 8.30 o'clock, with a half hour's devotion, conducted by C. D. Munsey.

At 9 o'clock Bishop Merrill opened Conference for the transaction of business.

The journal of yesterday morning and afternoon sessions was read and approved.

Conference Funds.—The Conference Stewards distributed the Claimants' Funds. (See report page 68.)

Reports.—The report of the Committee on Church Extension was read by J. R. Hill. W. A. Spencer, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference concerning its work, and the report was adopted.

The Twenty-third Question—“*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*”—was called. The following were named, their characters passed, and they were continued in the same relation: F. W. Hypes, J. H. Middleton, J. F. Loyd, W. J. Quarry, W. T. McMullen, N. W. Darlington, M. Kauffman, Silas Bennett, Adam Miller, A. M. Griffith, J. F. Hull, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, Timothy Wones, W. H. Sutherland, G. W. Fee, J. L. Gregg, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, J. W. Cassatt, H. M. Keck, J. L. Grover, R. A. Arthur, W. N. Maxey, J. I. Taggart, William Herr, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, Henry Miller, E. P. James, J. G. Black, J. W. Hickman.

The name of W. R. Dudley, who had finished his sentence of suspension for one year, was called, and on account of rumors in circulation damaging to his character, John Pearson moved that a Committee be appointed to investigate and report to this Conference whether charges were necessary.

Typewriter Presentation.—H. A. M. Henderson arose to a question of privilege, and in a few well-chosen and eloquently-expressed words on behalf of the Conference, presented to the Secretary, Stanley O. Royal, a No. 6 Remington Typewriter, as a token of their appreciation for his ten years' faithful service in that office.

Brother Royal responded most feelingly and appropriately, thanking the Conference for the gift and for their kind regard.

Without Appointment.—On motion of G. H. Dart, the Bishop was requested to leave the following members without appointment, to attend school: A. L. Brokaw, F. C. English, Ira E. Price, George B. Shanor, Homer G. Curless, W. N. Mason, H. L. Armacost.

A. Lowrey.—T. H. Pearne offered the following:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the publication known as the *Divine Life* is so far published in the interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church as to come under the law of the Church, permitting the appointment of its editor by the Bishop. A. B. Leonard offered as a substitute, that we request the Bishop to appoint Dr. Lowrey to the editorship of the *Divine Life*, which substitute was accepted by a count vote of 40 to 36.

The motion then prevailed by a count vote of 47 to 37.

The Fourth Question—"Who are Admitted on Trial?"—was taken up. The Committee appointed yesterday to consider candidates for admission on trial, reported the following names: James A. Geissinger, Archie W. Hook, William L. Spence, Lewis E. Linzell, and Warren J. Dunham. They were favorably reported by their Examining Committees and presiding elders, and were admitted on trial.

On motion of G. H. Dart, the Secretary of the Conference was authorized to give certificates of examination to the other applicants for admission on trial.

On motion, the time was extended.

On motion of R. H. Rust, the Bishop was requested to appoint R. E. Smith Field Secretary of the Ohio Anti-saloon League within the bounds of the Conference.

Restoration of Orders.—E. T. Wells presented the recommendation for the restoration of the elder's orders of Archie W. Hook, and, on motion of A. B. Leonard, the Ohio Conference was requested to restore to him his certificate of recognition of orders.

Constitutional Changes.—On motion of C. H. Payne, the privilege was accorded those who were absent when the vote was taken on Constitutional questions, to cast their ballots and deposit them with the Secretary for counting. Four votes were deposited, changing the total on the First Proposition to 130 for, and 29 against.

Three additional votes were cast on the Second Proposition, making the total 114 for, to 40 against.

The Special Committee of Inquiry concerning W. R. Dudley's character reported as follows:

Your Committee find that there are grounds for the arrest of the character of William R. Dudley, and we recommend the reference of his

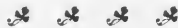
case to his presiding elder for trial in the interval of the Annual Conference.

JOHN PEARSON, <i>Chairman.</i>	J. W. PETERS, <i>Secretary.</i>
A. T. COWGILL,	WILLIAM RUNYAN.
J. T. BAIL,	

On motion, the case was referred to the presiding elder of the Hillsboro District for trial.

The Third Question—"Who have been Received on Credentials from Other Churches?"—was taken up. E. T. Wells presented the name and credentials of Thomas S. Robjent from the Protestant Episcopal Church, and, on motion of George K. Morris, after answering the Disciplinary questions, he was admitted into full membership, and his elder's orders recognized.

On motion, the session adjourned to meet at two o'clock.



AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONFERENCE reassembled at 2 o'clock this afternoon, with C. H. Payne, by appointment of the Bishop, in the chair.

The devotions were conducted by R. E. Smith.

Reports.—The Committee to nominate Standing Committees for next year reported through G. L. Tufts, and the report was ordered printed in the Minutes without reading. (See Report, page 7.)

The report of the Committee on Finance was read by S. G. Pollard, and was adopted. (See Report, page 101.)

The report of the Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was read by W. G. Warner, and was adopted. (See Report, page 101.)

W. T. Stafford presented the report of the Auditing Committee, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 92.)

M. M. Kugler read the report of the Conference Deaconess Board, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 93.)

J. G. Vaughan read the report of the Committee on Missions. A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, addressed the Conference, and the report was adopted. (See Report, page 102.)

The Board of Managers of the Conference Missionary So-

ciety, nominated the following persons as Corresponding Secretaries for the districts, as provided by the new Discipline, and they were confirmed as follows: Cincinnati District, D. Lee Aultman; Dayton District, W. A. Robinson; Georgetown District, G. V. Morris; Hillsboro District, Marion LeSourd; Springfield District, V. F. Brown.

On motion of J. M. Meeker, all speeches for the remainder of the session were limited to three minutes.

The report of the Committee on Education was read by Heber D. Ketcham. Upon motion, the report was read and considered, item by item.

The part pertaining to the Ohio Wesleyan University was read and adopted.

The portion referring to theological schools was read. George K. Morris, Professor in Boston School of Theology, addressed the Conference concerning the training of young ministers, and the report was adopted.

The section relating to the Springfield Female College was read and adopted, and the Trustees recommended were elected.

The item referring to the Hillsboro College was read and adopted, and the Trustees nominated were elected.

The part concerning the Baltimore Women's College was read and adopted.

The portion bearing upon the American University was read and adopted.

The item referring to the Board of Education was read and adopted, and C. H. Payne, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, briefly addressed the Conference, after which the report was adopted as a whole. (See Report, page 97.)

On motion of C. H. Payne, the expenses of the Commission connected with the Hillsboro College were ordered paid from the publishing fund.

The officers of the Conference Educational Society, nominated by the Committee, were elected. (See page 4.)

F. G. Mitchell requested the privilege of having his report as Conference Treasurer of the American University printed without reading, and permission was granted.

Change of Relation.—On motion of T. H. Pearne, C. J. Wells was granted a supernumerary relation.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, Asbury Lowrey was given a superannuate relation at his own request.

F. G. Mitchell offered the following, and it was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, We learn that our beloved and venerated brother, Rev. Dr. Lowrey, has disposed of his interest in the periodical with which he has been so long connected—*The Divine Life*—and contemplates retiring from active work; therefore,

Resolved, That the Conference would be gratified if our venerable and revered brother should determine to make his home once more in Ohio, among his friends and associates of the Cincinnati Conference; and should he so decide, we assure him of a cordial welcome from ministers and laymen, and that he be requested to write and publish a volume of reminiscences.

J. F. MARLAY,

H. C. WEAKLEY,

WILLIAM H. SUTHERLAND,

FRANK G. MITCHELL,

THOMAS H. PEARNE,

A. B. LEONARD,

J. P. PORTER,

E. T. WELLS,

WILLIAM RUNYAN.

Conference Officers.—The names of the various Conference Society officers were submitted and ordered printed without reading. (See pages 4, 5.)

Triers of Appeals.—The names of Triers of Appeals were announced as follows: William Runyan, J. W. Mason, V. F. Brown, C. M. Van Pelt, M. M. Kugler, Edmund Burdsall, and B. D. Hypes.

Board of Church Locations.—Nominations for Board of Church Locations were announced, and they were elected as follows:

Cincinnati District—R. H. Rust, J. M. DeCamp, B. R. Cowen, S. Hannaford, M. M. Kugler, R. E. Smith, E. O. Buxton.

Dayton District—E. T. Wells, Abel Hoover, L. D. Reynolds, J. W. Peters, F. M. Clemans.

Hillsboro District—T. H. Pearne, S. W. Rogers, J. M. Heistand, M. LeSourd, H. D. Ketcham.

Georgetown District—G. H. Dart, James McMath, David Pearson, W. P. Jackson, J. W. Mason.

Springfield District—J. F. Marlay, W. R. Warnock, P. P. Mast, J. A. Story, V. F. Brown.

The officers of the Conference Board of Church Extension were re-elected. (See page 5.)

To preach the Missionary Sermon next year, the Bishop appointed J. M. Meeker, with William Runyan as alternate.

Reports.—The following reports of Standing Committees were presented, accepted, and ordered printed without reading: On the State of the Church (see page 106); on Parsonages (see page 102); on Temperance (see page 104); on Sabbath Observance (see page 103); on the Sunday-school Union (see page 104); on Tract Cause (see page 104).

Collection.—A collection for the janitor and pages was taken up, which amounted to \$17.80.

The report of the Conference Treasurer was read by aggregates, and the report was received and ordered printed.

C. W. Barnes was elected a trustee for Lakeside.

On motion of D. L. Aultman, the sum of fractional moneys remaining in the Treasurer's hands, amounting to \$11.35, was ordered paid to the Publishing Committee.

Statistics.—The Statistical Secretary reported by aggregates. The report was received and ordered printed.

On motion of C. L. Conger, it was resolved to print the totals only of statistical table number two.

The Twenty-eighth Question—"*What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?*"—was called, and the Board of Stewards answered \$11,483.

The Twenty-ninth Question—"*What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*"—was called, and answered \$8,013. (For distribution see Report, page 68.)

The Thirtieth Question—"*Where shall the Next Conference be held?*"—was asked. An invitation from High Street Church, Springfield, was gratefully and unanimously accepted.

Historical Paper.—On motion of T. H. Pearne, the Conference Historical Society was permitted to have printed in the Minutes the paper upon the "Introduction of Methodism in Ohio," by M. E. Ketcham.

Cincinnati Methodism.—R. H. Rust reported the following persons to serve as a Commission on Cincinnati Methodism to continue the work of the Commission appointed last year under the same instruction. The nominations were approved: R. H. Rust, Presiding Elder; J. M. Meeker, Richard Dymond, C. W.

Gullette, A. R. Lafferty, G. L. Tufts, Henry Roever, J. W. Magruder, W. G. Roberts, E. McHugh, J. W. Dale, J. R. Colley, J. M. Robinson, G. W. Dubois, W. V. Ebersole, E. O. Buxton, W. A. Gamble, A. C. Turrell, J. C. Harper.

Reports.—The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by H. W. Bailey, and it was adopted by a rising vote. (See page 95.)

Bishop Merrill presented for record the following :

ORDINATION CERTIFICATE.

This Certifies, That in Piqua, Ohio, on Sunday, the 6th day of September, 1896, in accordance with the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as DEACONS: Edward L. Hollingsworth, George H. Smith, and James Allen Geissinger; and as ELDERS: Joseph W. Patton, John W. Lucas, William H. Wehrley, William M. Patton, David Herr, Calvin W. Horn, James D. Darling, William A. Wiant, Wilbur L. Y. Davis, David S. Ewry, William T. Stafford, and Jacob H. Locke.

Given under my hand in Piqua, Ohio, on the 8th day of September, 1896.

S. M. MERRILL, Bishop.

Railroad Rates.—On motion of C. L. Conger, the Secretary of this year was instructed to arrange for special railroad rates for the next annual session.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Publishing Committee was authorized to omit the Detailed Missionary Report from the Minutes.

V. F. Brown read the minutes of the morning session, and they were approved.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Treasurer of the Board of Conference Stewards was authorized to receive the draft from the Chartered Fund* and distribute the same.

The Publishing Committee was granted the privilege of publishing their report without reading.

*N. B.—Just after the adjournment of Conference the dividend from the Chartered Fund, amounting to twenty-two dollars, arrived, and it is included in the Stewards' Report.—SECRETARY.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The Bishop appropriately addressed the Conference, and announced the following transfers: William C. Mitchell, to the Puget Sound Conference; and G. B. Giambruno, to the Genesee Conference.

The Bishop then read the appointments. The Conference then adjourned *sine die*, and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

PIQUA, OHIO, September 8, 1896.

THE Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held September 2d to September 8, 1896, in this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of its proceedings.

S. M. Merrill

PRESIDENT.

S. O. Royal

SECRETARY.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st.

- 8.15 P. M.—Lecture, Dr. John P. D. John. Subject: "Did Man Make God, or Did God Make Man?"

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2d.

- 2.30 P. M.—Missionary Sermon, Dr. John Pearson.
7.30 P. M.—Address on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, Dr. J. W. Hamilton.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3d.

- 2.30 P. M.—Educational Anniversary. Dr. Howard Henderson and Dr. S. L. Beiler.
7.30 P. M.—Preachers' Relief Anniversary. Dr. George K. Morris and Dr. Lewis Curts.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th.

- 2.30 P. M.—Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Anniversary. Bishop Thoburn.
7.30 P. M.—Missionary Anniversary. Bishop Thoburn, Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th.

- 2.30 P. M.—Woman's Home Missionary Society.
2.30 P. M.—Anniversary Conference Historical Society. Dr. T. H. Pearne and Rev. M. E. Ketcham.
7.30 P. M.—Church Extension Anniversary. Dr. W. A. Spencer.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th.

9. A. M.—Love-feast, led by Dr. Asbury Lowrey and Dr. W. I. Fee.
10.30 A. M.—Sermon. Bishop J. M. Walden.
2.30 P. M.—Address by Bishop S. M. Merrill, and Ordination of Elders and Deacons.
7.30 P. M.—"Africa as a Mission Field, Studied from Afar." Bishop J. C. Hartzell.
7.30 P. M.—Epworth League Anniversary in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church. S. O. Royal, J. W. Magruder, C. E. Schenk, H. D. Ketcham.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th.

- 7.30 P. M.—Temperance Anniversary. Dr. George K. Morris, Dr. C. H. Payne, Dr. A. B. Leonard.
Pentecostal Services each day at 4 P. M., led by Rev. Madison Swadener.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*
William H. Spybey, from the Pittsburg Conference; Rufus J. Wyckoff, from the East Maine Conference; John E. Beery, from the West Wisconsin Conference; John A. Story, from the Pittsburg Conference.
2. *Who have been Readmitted?*
None.
3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*
Thomas S. Robjent, an elder, from the Protestant Episcopal Church.
4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*
 - (a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—James A. Geissinger, Archie W. Hook, William L. Spence, Lewis E. Linzell, Warren J. Dunham.
 - (b) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.
5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*
 - (a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—None.
 - (b) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—Earl M. Ellsworth, Charles L. Chapman, Samuel A. Stephan, Charles C. Peale, Stephen B. Timmons, James A. Jenkinson, Clifford L. Myers, Henry C. Hutchinson.
 - (c) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—George B. Shanor, Rufus J. Wyckoff.
 - (d) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—Wilbur N. Mason.
6. *Who have been Discontinued?*
None.
7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*
 - (a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—Edward L. Hollingsworth, George H. Smith.
 - (b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—None.
8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*
 - (a) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—Edward L. Hollingsworth.
 - (b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—Harley E. Armacost, Benjamin F. Oswald.
9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*
George H. Smith, Charles L. Mackey, Isaac R. Marshall, Homer G. Curless.
10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*
 - (a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—Joseph W. Patton, John W. Lucas, William H. Wehrley, William M. Patton, David Herr, Cal-

vin W. Horn, James D. Darling, William A. Wiant, Wilbur L. Y. Davis, David S. Ewry, William T. Stafford.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—None.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(a) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—James A. Geissinger.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) AS LOCAL DEACONS—Jacob H. Locke.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

It was, in open Conference.

The case of W. R. Dudley was referred to the Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District for investigation.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

William P. McVey to the Foochow Conference, G. B. Giambruno to the Genesee Conference, William C. Mitchell to the Puget Sound Conference.

15. *Who have Died?*

William L. Hypes, Mighill Dustin, Simon McChesney, James Murray, I. C. Page, Wesley Webster, E. C. Smith.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*

S. B. Ricketts, R. G. Easley.

17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19. *Who have been Permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

W. Q. Shannon, S. B. Smith, W. B. Moler, W. H. Black, J. Verity, Sylvester Weeks, Adam Bowers, Charles Hartley, C. J. Wells.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

L. F. Young, F. W. Hypes, J. H. Middleton, J. F. Loyd, W. J. Quarry, W. T. McMullen, N. W. Darlington, Michael Kauffman, Silas Bennett, Adam Miller, A. M. Griffith, J. F. Hull, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, Timothy Wones, W. H. Sutherland, G. W. Fee, J. L. Gregg, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, J. W. Cassatt, H. M. Keck, J. L. Grover, R. A. Arthur, W. N. Maxey, J. I. Taggart, William Herr, S. W. Carey, Thomas J. Harris,

S. W. Edmiston, Henry Miller, E. P. James, J. G. Black, J. W. Hickman, A. Lowrey.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

William Runyan, M. M. Kugler, J. W. Mason, Edmund Burdsall, V. F. Brown, B. D. Hypes, C. M. Van Pelt.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*

(See Tables, pages 71-88.)

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

\$60,581.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$11,483.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

\$8,013. To Preachers, \$4,967. To Widows, \$3,046.

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

(See List of Appointments below.)

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be Held?*

High Street Church, Springfield.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—1 Post-office inserted in parentheses when different from appointment. 2. In double appointments the first-named is the post-office. 3. Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the year of service entered upon. 5. Names of Undergraduates in *Italics*.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

1. R. H. RUST, Presiding Elder, 3.
P. O., Avondale, Cincinnati, O.
2. Bond Hill, *L. E. Linzell*, 1.
3. Carthage and Elmwood Place,
F. M. Kirgan, 4.

CINCINNATI:

4. Asbury, . Edward McHugh, 1.
5. Avondale, . . E. O. Buxton, 3.
6. Camp Washington, W. T. Stafford, 1.
7. Christie, . . . J. R. Colley, 1.
8. Clifton, . . . C. E. Schenk, 2.
9. Columbia, . . W. A. Deaton, 2.
10. Cummins ville, Creighton Wones, 5.
11. Fairmount, . . S. G. Pollard, 2.
12. Finley, . . *J. A. Geissinger*, 1.
13. Linwood, . . . *C. L. Myers*, 2.
14. McKendree, . . B. D. Hypes, 1.
15. Mt. Auburn, . *R. J. Wyckoff*, 1.
16. Mt. Lookout, . J. W. Gaddis, 2.
17. Pendleton, . . D. J. Starr, 1.
18. Price Hill, . . A. C. Turrell, 4.
19. Riverside, Gervaise Rough-
ton, 2.
20. St. John and Pearl Street, W.
H. Spybey, 2.
21. St. Paul, . . . J. M. Meeker, 3.
22. Trinity, . . C. W. Gullette, 3.
23. Walnut Hills, G. W. Dubois, 1.
24. Wesley, . . J. W. Magruder, 5.
25. York Street, . . G. L. Tufts, 2.
26. Cleves, . . . *W. J. Dunham*, 2.
27. Delhi, . . Howard Henderson, 1.
28. Groesbeck, . . Henry Hershey, 1.
29. Hartwell, . . . W. H. Wehrley, 1.
30. Harrison, . . . C. T. Crum, 2.
31. Lockland-Wyoming, C. W.
Barnes, 3.
32. Loveland and Branch Hill, E. S.
Gaddis, 1.

33. Madisonville, D. Lee Aultman, 5.
 34. Miami, . . . S. B. Timmons, 3.
 35. Newtown, . . . A. D. Maddox, 3.
- NORWOOD:

36. First Church, W. L. Y. Davis, 2.
37. Grace Church,—
M. E. Ketcham, 3.
38. Venice (Ross), . . W. M. West, 2.
39. Westwood, . . . M. M. Kugler, 3.
40. Winton Place, . . A. B. Austin, 2.
41. R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary
of the Freedmen's Aid and
Southern Education Society, 9;
member of St. Paul (Cincinnati)
Quarterly Conference.
42. C. H. Payne, Corresponding Sec-
retary of the Board of Educa-
tion, 9; member of St. Paul
(Cincinnati) Quarterly Confer-
ence.
43. J. W. Bashford, President of Ohio
Wesleyan University, 8; mem-
ber of Walnut Hills (Cincin-
nati) Quarterly Conference.
44. H. C. Weakley, Corresponding
Secretary of the Deaconess
Home Association, 8; mem-
ber of Mt. Auburn (Cincin-
nati) Quarterly Conference.
45. George K. Morris, Professor
Practical Theology in the Bos-
ton School of Theology of the
Boston University, 3; member
of St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quar-
terly Conference.
46. W. K. Brown, Professor Twin Val-
ley College, 2; member of St.
Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly
Conference.
47. M. Swadener, Superintendent of
City Church Extension Soci-
ety, 5; member of Trinity (Cin-
cinnati) Quarterly Conference.
48. R. E. Smith, Field Secretary
Anti-Saloon League, 1; mem-
ber of Christie (Cincinnati)
Quarterly Conference.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

49. E. T. WELLS, Presiding Elder, 5.
P. O., Dayton, O
50. Bethany, H. W. Bailey, 3.
51. Camden and Somerville, G. L.
Travis, 2.
52. Centerville, P. Trout, 1.
53. Concord, (Union) *G. H. Smith*, 3.
DAYTON:
54. Broadway, . F. M. Clemans, 4.
55. Grace, W. A. Robinson, 4, T. S.
Robjert, 1.
56. Homestead Avenue and River-
dale, *A. W. Hook*, 2.
57. Raper, L. E. Prentiss, 4.
58. St. Paul, . . . John Pearson, 1.
59. Trinity, J. P. Ninde, 3.
60. Eaton, J. L. Shively, 5.
61. Fairhaven, . . . I. R. Marshall, 1.
62. Fort Jefferson, . O. D. Becker, 2.
63. Franklin, . . . C. H. Haines, 4.
64. Germantown, [*A. D. McGinnis*].
65. Glendale and Sharonville, G. W.
Vorhis, 1.
66. Gordon, J. W. Lucas, 1.
67. Hamilton, J. W. Peters, 3.
68. Lewisburg, . . D. A. McColm, 2.
69. Miamisburg, . J. S. Pumphrey, 3.
70. Middletown, . . W. Runyan, 3.
71. Monroe, J. H. McNary, 2.
72. New Paris, . . [*M. F. Hawley*], 3.
73. Osborn, W. M. Patton, 2.
74. Oxford, J. P. Porter, 1.
75. Port Union, (Stockton) W. M.
Coffinan, 1.
76. Red Lion, J. W. Patton, 3.
77. Seven Mile, . . . J. H. Lease, 1.
78. Springboro, . J. McK. Shultz, 1.
79. Walker and Union (Reiley),
[*A. K. Stabler*], 2.
80. West Alexandria, *C. L. Chapman*, 2.
81. West Carrollton, . . J. T. Bail, 2.
82. West Chester, *H. C. Hutch-
inson*, 1.
83. West Elkton, *J. A. Jenkinson*, 2.
84. T. Collett, Financial Secretary,
Preachers' Relief Society, 9;
member of Middletown Quar-
terly Conference.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

85. G. H. DART, Presiding Elder, 2.
P. O., Milford, O.
86. Aberdeen, C. W. Horn, 1.
87. Amelia, C. D. Munsey, 1.
88. Batavia, G. V. Morris, 3.
89. Bethel, A. G. Newton, 1.
90. Butlerville (Edenton), *S. A.
Stephan*, 2.
91. Centenary (Mulberry), [*W. R.
Buckles*], 1.
92. Chilo, W. S. Gray, 3.
93. Decatur, T. G. Williams, 1.
94. Feesburg, J. H. Davis, 1.
95. Felicity, E. T. Lane, 1.
96. Georgetown, . . C. F. Enyart, 1.
97. Goshen, G. S. Easton, 2.
98. Laurel, C. H. Kalbfus, 2.
99. Lebanon, Edmund Burdsall, 1.
100. Lebanon Circuit, To be supplied.
101. Maineville, . . J. S. Whitney, 2.
102. Manchester, . . T. D. Moore, 3.
103. Marathon, . . . [*A. D. Foster*].
104. Mason, W. G. Warner, 1.
105. Milford, J. W. Mason, 2.
106. Moscow, J. D. Darling, 2.
107. Mt. Washington, *C. L. Mackey*, 1.
108. New Richmond, . W. J. Baker, 2.
109. Owensville and Newtonville,—
J. R. Hunter, 2.
110. Peebles, T. P. Walter, 1.
111. Pleasant Ridge and Montgom-
ery, D. W. C. Washburn, 1.
112. Ripley, J. E. Abrams, 4.
113. Summerside, W. E. Spurrier, 1.
114. West Union, . . . J. F. Laird, 5.
115. Williamsburg, . G. M. Fulton, 4.
116. Williamsburg Circuit, [*W. O.
Collins*], 2.
- HILLSBORO DISTRICT.
117. T. H. PEARNE, Pres. Elder, 3.
P. O., Hillsboro, O.
118. Belfast (Bell), . . G. T. Perry, 2.
119. Blanchester, . . A. Hamilton, 2.
120. Bowersville, . . C. C. Peale, 1.
121. Clarksville, . . L. O. Deputy, 1.
122. Greenfield, . . . M. LeSourd, 5.

123. Highland, . J. E. H. Sentman, 2.
124. Hillsboro, . . H. D. Ketcham, 2.
125. Jamestown, James Stephenson, 1.
126. Leesburg, . . H. C. Middleton, 1.
127. Lynchburg, . . John Wilson, 4.
128. Martinsville, . J. S. Ruggles, 1.
129. Morrow, . . . D. D. Cheney, 1.
130. Mt. Orab, . . . J. A. Winkler, 1.
131. New Burlington, U. G. Humphrey, 1.
132. New Jasper, . . R. S. McCollm, 5.
133. New Vienna, . . J. A. Easton, 3.
134. Rainsboro, . . W. P. Jackson, 1.
135. Sabina, G. P. Austin, 1.
136. Sinking Spring, *B. F. Oswald*, 3.
137. South Lebanon, [J. M. Roberts,] 2.
138. Sugar Tree Ridge, *E. L. Hollingsworth*, 1.
139. Union (Spring Valley), Frank Leever, 3.
140. Waynesville, . A. T. Cowgill, 3.
141. Wilmington, . . A. N. Spahr, 2.
142. Winchester, . . J. F. McCollm, 1.

XENIA:

143. First Church, J. J. McCabe, 4.
144. Trinity, . . C. M. Van Pelt, 3.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

145. J. F. MARLAY, Pres. Elder, 5.
P. O., Springfield, O.
146. Arcanum, J. L. Dalbey, 3.
147. Brandt, . . [C. F. B. Runyan,] 1.
148. Catawba, . . S. W. Campbell, 1.
149. Cedarville, . . . F. E. Vance, 5.
150. Christiansburg, *W. L. Spence*, 1.
151. Covington, . . John E. Beery, 1.
152. Dialton, W. A. Wiant, 5.
153. Greenville, . . C. L. Conger, 2.
154. King's Creek, Thomas Cundy, 1.
155. Mechanicsburg, E. H. Cherington, 1.
156. Mutual, C. W. Briggs, 1.
157. New Carlisle, . C. W. Elliott, 1.

158. New Moorefield, L. M. Davis, 2.
- PIQUA:

159. Grace, David Herr, 1.
160. Greene Street, F. G. Mitchell, 5.
161. South Charleston, D. C. Vance, 1.
162. South Charleston Circuit, D. S. Ewry, 1.

SPRINGFIELD:

163. Central, V. F. Brown, 2.
164. Clifton Avenue, J. P. Shultz, 2.
165. Grace, . . *E. M. Ellsworth*, 1.
166. High Street, . . J. A. Story, 2.
167. St. Paul, . . P. C. Curnick, 5.
168. Tippecanoe City, . J. R. Hill, 3.
169. Tremont City (Westville), J. A. White, 2.
170. Troy, S. O. Royal, 2.
171. Troy Circuit, . O. M. Sellers, 1.

URBANA:

172. First Church, M. B. Fuller, 1.
173. Grace, . . . J. G. Vaughan, 4.
174. Yellow Springs, R. K. Deem, 2.
175. L. D. McCabe, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy and Vice-President of Ohio Wesleyan University, 52; member of High Street (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.
176. A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society, 8; member of Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.
177. C. W. Rishell, Professor in Boston School of Theology, 2; member of Central Church (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.
178. *W. N. Mason*, F. C. English, *H. E. Armacost*, Ira E. Price, *George B. Shanor*, *Homer G. Curless*, and A. L. Brokaw, left without appointments to attend some of our schools.
179. J. L. Glascock, S. D. Clayton, and Wm. I. Fee, Conference evangelists.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

W. Q. Shannon,	First Church, Xenia, Quarterly Conference.
W. B. Moler,	Springfield, O., Quarterly Conference.
S. B. Smith,	144 Madison St., Grand Rapids, Mich.
W. H. Black,	Washington, D. C.
A. Bowers,	Greene St., Piqua, Quarterly Conference.
J. Verity,	San Diego, Cal.
Sylvester Weeks,	Eustis, Fla.; Winton Place Quarterly Conference.
Charles Hartley,	Sugar Tree Ridge Quarterly Conference.
Charles J. Wells,	Norfolk, Va.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

J. L. Grover,	Broad Street, Columbus, Quarterly Conference.
R. A. Arthur,	Addison, West Va., Quarterly Conference.
W. N. Maxey,	Lynchburg Quarterly Conference.
J. I. Taggart,	Rainsboro Quarterly Conference.
W. J. Quarry,	Felicity Quarterly Conference.
W. T. McMullen,	Owensville Quarterly Conference.
N. W. Darlington,	West Union Quarterly Conference.
M. Kauffman,	St. Paul, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.
W. Herr,	Grace, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.
Adam Miller,	Clark Street, Chicago, Ill., Quarterly Conference.
A. M. Griffith,	Sabina Quarterly Conference.
S. N. Marsh,	San Fernando, Cal., Quarterly Conference.
J. F. Hull,	Rowland, Ala., Quarterly Conference.
T. E. Fidler,	Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
J. G. Black,	New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
H. M. Keck,	Hamilton Quarterly Conference.
M. P. Zink,	Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
G. M. Edgar,	Winchester Quarterly Conference.
Timothy Wones,	Central, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.
George W. Fee,	Mt. Orab Quarterly Conference.
John L. Gregg,	Manhattan, Kan., Quarterly Conference.
John Vance,	New Moorefield Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Carey,	Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
Thomas J. Harris,	Norwood Quarterly Conference.
John W. Cassatt,	Greenville Quarterly Conference.
Silas Bennett,	Bellefontaine Quarterly Conference.
F. W. Hypes,	Centenary Quarterly Conference.
J. H. Middleton,	Greenfield Quarterly Conference.
J. F. Loyd,	Delaware, O.
S. W. Edmiston,	Winchester Quarterly Conference.
Henry Miller,	Delaware, O.
E. P. James,	Delaware, O.
W. H. Sutherland,	Wyoming, O.
J. W. Hickman,	Pursley, W. Va.
L. F. Young,	Georgetown Quarterly Conference.
Asbury Lowrey,	Greene Street, Piqua, Quarterly Conference.

III.

Directory.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Consecrated Bishop.	RESIDENCE.
		Conference.	Y'r		
THOMAS BOWMAN.....	July 15, 1817	Baltimore.....	1839 1872		St. Louis, Mo.
RANDOLPH SINKS FOSTER.....	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio.....	1837 1872		Boston, Mass.
STEPHEN MASON MERRILL.....	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio.....	1846 1872		Chicago, Ill.
EDWARD GAYER ANDREWS.....	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida.....	1848 1872		New York, N. Y.
HENRY WHITE WARREN.....	Jan. 4, 1831	New England.....	1855 1880		Denver, Colo.
CYRUS DAVID FOSS.....	Jan. 17, 1834	New York.....	1857 1880		Philadelphia, Pa.
JOHN FLETCHER HURST.....	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark.....	1859 1880		Washington, D. C.
WILLIAM XAVIER NINDE.....	June 21, 1832	Black River.....	1856 1884		Detroit, Mich.
JOHN MORGAN WALDEN.....	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati.....	1858 1884		Cincinnati, O.
WILLARD FRANCIS MALLALIEU.....	Dec. 11, 1828	New England.....	1858 1884		Buffalo, N. Y.
CHARLES HENRY FOWLER.....	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River.....	1861 1884		Minneapolis, Minn.
* WILLIAM TAYLOR.....	May 2, 1821	Baltimore.....	1843 1884		Bishop of Africa.
JOHN HEYL VINCENT.....	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey.....	1853 1888		Topeka, Kan.
JAMES NEWBURY FITZGERALD.....	July 27, 1837	Newark.....	1862 1888		New Orleans, La.
ISAAC WILSON JOYCE.....	Oct. 11, 1836	N.W. Indiana.....	1859 1888		Chattanooga, Tenn.
JOHN PHILIP NEWMAN.....	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida.....	1848 1888		Omaha, Neb.
DANIEL AYRES GOODSELL.....	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East.....	1859 1888		San Francisco, Cal.
* JAMES MILLS THOBURN.....	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg.....	1855 1888		Calcutta, India.
CHARLES C. MCCABE.....	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio.....	1860 1896		Fort Worth, Tex.
EARL CRANSTON.....	June 27, 1840	Ohio.....	1867 1896		Portland, Ore.
* JOSEPH C. HARTZELL.....	..... 1842	Illinois.....	1897 1896		Africa.

* Missionary Bishops.

MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

NOTE.—1. Sa. stands for Superannuated, Sn. for Supernumerary. 2. All post-offices in Ohio except where otherwise stated.

No. of Years Effective.	NAME.	No. in List of Appointments.	P. O. ADDRESS.
7	Abrams, J. E.,	112	Ripley.
26	Arthur, R. A.,	Sa.	Addison, W. Va.
3	Armacost, H. E.,	178	Delaware.
24	Aultman, D. L.,	33	Madisonville.
10	Austin, A. B.,	40	Winton Place.
13	Austin, G. P.,	135	Sabina.
48	Bail, J. T.,	81	West Carrollton.
21	Bailey, H. W.,	50	Bethany.
22	Baker, W. J.,	108	New Richmond.
15	Barnes, C. W.,	31	Lockland-Wyoming.
21	Bashford, J. W.,	43	Delaware.
8	Becker, O. D.,	62	Fort Jefferson.
...	Beery, J. E.,	151	Covington.
36	Bennett, S.,	Sa.	Bellefontaine.
37	Black, J. G.,	Sa.	New Carlisle.
29	Black, W. H.,	Sn.	Washington, D. C.
29	Bowers, A.,	Sn.	Piqua.
9	Briggs, C. W.,	156	Mutual.

No. of Years Effective.	NAME.	No. in List of Appointments.	P. O. ADDRESS.
5	Brokaw, A. L.,	178	Boston, Mass.
17	Brown, V. F.,	163	Springfield.
40	Brown, W. K.,	46	Germantown.
27	Burdsall, E.,	99	Lebanon.
15	Buxton, E. O.,	5	Avondale.
10	Campbell, S. W.,	148	Catawba.
19	Carey, S. W.,	Sa.	Urbana.
42	Cassatt, J. W.,	Sa.	Greenville.
1	Chapman, C. L.,	80	West Alexandria.
26	Cheney, D. D.,	129	Morrow.
14	Cherington, E. H.,	155	Mechanicsburg.
45	Clayton, S. D.,	179	Dayton.
30	Clemans, F. M.,	54	Dayton.
6	Coffman, W. M.,	75	Stockton.
46	Collett, T.,	84	Middletown.
10	Colley, J. R.,	7	Wesley Av., Cin.
18	Conger, C. L.,	153	Greenville.
11	Cowgill, A. T.,	140	Waynesville.
29	Crum, C. T.,	30	Harrison.
22	Cundy, T.,	154	Kingston.
4	Curless, H. G.,	178	Boston, Mass.
7	Curnick, P. C.,	167	Springfield.
13	Dalbey, J. L.,	146	Arcanum.
5	Darling, J. D.,	106	Moscow.
27	Darlington, N. W.,	Sa.	West Union.
40	Dart, G. H.,	85	Milford.
22	Davis, J. H.,	94	Feesburg.
25	Davis, L. M.,	158	New Moorefield.
5	Davis, W. L. Y.,	36	Norwood.
5	Deaton, W. A.,	9	Cincinnati.
33	Deem, R. K.,	174	Yellow Springs.
16	Deputy, L. O.,	121	Clarksville.
21	Dubois, G. W.,	23	Walnut Hills, Cin.
9	Dudley, W. R., . . . . .	.	Columbus.
...	Dunham, W. J.,	26	Cleves.
16	Easton, G. S.,	97	Goshen.
22	Easton, J. A.,	133	New Vienna.
34	Edgar, G. M.,	Sa.	Winchester.
33	Edmiston, S. W.,	Sa.	Winchester.
8	Elliott, C. W.,	157	New Carlisle.
1	Ellsworth, E. M.,	165	Springfield.
4	English, F. C.,	178	Madison, N. J.
5	Enyart, C. F.,	96	Georgetown.
5	Ewry, D. S.,	162	South Charleston.
28	Fee, G. W.,	Sa.	Mt. Orab.
52	Fee, W. I.,	179	Piqua.
30	Fidler, T. E.,	Sa.	Urbana.
6	Fuller, M. B.,	172	Urbana.
12	Fulton, G. M.,	115	Williamsburg.
22	Gaddis, J. W.,	16	Mt. Lookout, Cin.
7	Gaddis, E. S.,	32	Loveland.
...	Geissinger, J. A.,	12	Cincinnati.
9	Glascok, J. L.,	179	Mt. Lookout Cin.
6	Gray, W. S.,	92	Chilo.

No. of Years Effective . .	NAME.	No. in List of Appointm'ts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
30	Gregg, J. L.,	Sa.	Manhattan, Kan.
19	Griffith, A. M.,	Sa.	Sabina.
34	Grover, J. L.,	Sa.	Columbus.
19	Gullette, C. W.,	22	Cincinnati.
16	Haines, C. H.,	63	Franklin.
29	Hamilton, A.,	119	Blanchester.
29	Harris, T. J.,	Sa.	Norwood.
7	Hartley, C. J.,	Sn.	Mowrystown.
38	Henderson, H. A. M.,	27	Delhi.
55	Herr, Wm.,	Sa.	Dayton.
5	Herr, D.,	159	Piqua.
8	Hershey, H.,	28	Groesbeck.
13	Hickman, J. W.,	Sa.	Williamsburg.
6	Hill, J. R.,	168	Tippecanoe City.
4	Hollingsworth, E. L.,	138	Sugar Treee Ridge.
...	Hook, A. W.,	56	Dayton.
5	Horn, C. W.,	86	Aberdeen.
17	Hull, J. F.,	Sa.	Rowland, Ala.
6	Humphrey, U. G.,	131	New Burlington.
28	Hunter, J. R.,	109	Owensville.
3	Hutchinson, H. C.,	82	West Chester.
17	Hypes, B. D.,	14	Cincinnati.
34	Hypes, F. W.,	Sa.	Owensville.
31	Jackson, W. P.,	134	Rainsboro.
38	James, E. P.,	Sa.	Delaware.
1	Jenkinson, J. A.,	83	West Elkton.
25	Kalbfus, C. H.,	98	Laurel.
37	Kauffman, M.,	Sa.	Springfield.
32	Keck, H. M.,	Sa.	Hamilton.
12	Ketcham, H. D.,	124	Hillsboro.
14	Ketcham, M. E.,	37	Norwood.
16	Kirgan, F. M.,	3	Carthage.
19	Kugler, M. M.,	39	Cheviot.
11	Laird, J. F.,	114	West Union.
17	Lane, E. T.,	95	Felicity.
38	Lease, J. H.,	77	Seven Mile.
20	Leever, F.,	139	Spring Valley.
36	Leonard, A. B.,	176	150 Fifth Ave., New York.
15	LeSourd, M.,	122	Greenfield.
...	Linzell, L. E.,	2	Bond Hill.
48	Lowrey, A.,	Sa.	150 Fifth Ave., New York.
44	Loyd, J. F.,	Sa.	Delaware.
7	Lucas, J. W.,	66	Gordon.
4	Mackey, C. L.,	107	Mt. Washington.
7	Magruder, J. W.,	24	Cincinnati.
20	Maddox, A. D.,	35	Newtown.
46	Marlay, J. F.,	145	Springfield.
13	Marsh, S. N.,	Sa.	Montecito, Cal.
5	Marshall, I. R.,	61	Fair Haven.
40	Mason, John W.,	105	Milford.
3	Mason, W. N.,	178	Boston, Mass.
9	Maxey, W. N.,	Sa.	Russell's.
14	McCabe, J. J.,	143	Xenia.
53	McCabe, L. D.,	175	Delaware.

No. of Years Effective	NAME.	No. in List of Appointm'ts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
18	McColm, D. A.,	68	Lewisburg.
22	McColm, J. F.,	142	Winchester.
7	McColm, R. S.,	132	New Jasper.
40	McHugli, E.,	4	Cincinnati.
15	McMullen, W. T.,	Sa.	Owensville.
6	McNary, J. H.,	71	Monroe.
17	Meeker, J. M.,	21	Cincinnati.
33	Middleton, H. C.,	126	Leesburg.
36	Middleton, J. H.,	Sa.	Greenfield.
18	Miller, A.,	Sa.	Chicago, Ill.
24	Miller, H.,	Sa.	Delaware.
29	Mitchell, F. G.,	160	Piqua.
8	Moore, T. D.,	102	Manchester.
36	Morris, G. K.,	45	Malden, Mass.
6	Morris, G. V.,	88	Batavia.
33	Moler, W. B.,	Sn.	Springfield.
17	Munsey, C. D.,	87	Amelia.
1	Myers, C. L.,	13	Linwood.
9	Newton, A. G.,	89	Bethel.
7	Ninde, J. P.,	59	Dayton.
5	Oswald, B. F.,	136	Sinking Spring.
3	Patton, J. W.,	76	Red Lion.
5	Patton, W. M.,	73	Osborn.
39	Payne, C. H.,	42	150 Fifth Ave., New York.
1	Peale, C. C.,	120	Bowersville.
53	Pearne, T. H.,	117	Hillsboro.
31	Pearson, Jno.,	58	Dayton.
6	Perry, G. T.,	118	Bell.
30	Peters, J. W.,	67	Hamilton.
21	Pollard, S. G.,	11	Fairmount, Cincinnati.
32	Porter, J. P.,	74	Oxford.
20	Prentiss, L. E.,	57	Dayton.
8	Price, I. E.,	178	Boston, Mass.
23	Pumphrey, J. S.,	69	Miamisburg.
34	Quarry, W. J.,	Sa.	Felicity.
18	Rishell, C. W.,	177	Newton, Mass.
25	Robinson, W. A.,	55	Dayton.
...	Robjert, Thos. S.,	55	Dayton.
19	Royal, S. O.,	170	Troy.
6	Roughton, G.,	19	Cincinnati.
17	Ruggles, J. S.,	128	Martinsville.
33	Runyan, Wm.,	70	Middletown.
27	Rust, R. H.,	1	Cincinnati.
54	Rust, R. S.,	41	Cincinnati.
5	Schenk, C. E.,	8	Clifton, Cincinnati.
9	Sellers, O. M.,	171	Troy.
21	Sentman, J. E. H.,	123	Highland.
33	Shannon, W. Q.,	Sn.	Xenia.
2	Shanor, G. B.,	178	Madison, N. J.
12	Shively, J. L.,	60	Eaton.
36	Shultz, J. McK.,	78	Springboro.
39	Shultz, J. P.,	164	Springfield.
30	Smith, R. E.,	48	Cincinnati.
45	Smith, S. B.,	Sn.	Grand Rapids, Mich.

No. of Years Effective . . .	NAME.	No. in List of Appointm'ts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
4	Smith, G. H.,	53	Union.
41	Spahr, A. N.,	141	Wilmington.
..	Spence, W. L.	150	Christiansburg.
7	Spurrier, W. E.,	113	Summerside.
5	Spybey, Wm. H.,	20	Cincinnati.
5	Stafford, W. T.,	6	Camp Washington, Cin.
37	Starr, David Judson,	17	Cincinnati.
1	Stephan, S. A.,	90	Edenton.
36	Stephenson, J.,	125	Jamestown.
19	Story, J. A.,	166	Springfield.
55	Sutherland, W. H.,	Sa.	Cincinnati.
16	Swadener, M.,	47	Cincinnati.
5	Taggart, J. I.,	Sa.	Rainsboro.
1	Timmons, S. B.,	34	Price Hill, Cincinnati.
29	Travis, G. L.,	51	Camden.
7	Trout, P.,	52	Centerville.
12	Tufts, G. L.,	25	Cincinnati.
6	Turrell, A. C.,	18	Cincinnati.
32	Vance, D. C.,	161	South Charleston.
11	Vance, F. E.,	149	Cedarville.
35	Vance, John,	Sa.	New Moorefield.
7	Van Pelt, C. M.,	144	Xenia.
14	Vaughan, J. G.,	173	Urbana.
30	Verity, J.,	Sn.	San Diego, Cal.
5	Vorhis, G. W.,	65	Glendale.
9	Walter, T. P.,	110	Peebles.
11	Warner, W. G.,	104	Mason.
8	Washburn, D. W. C.,	111	Pleasant Ridge.
19	Weakley, H. C.,	44	Cincinnati.
37	Weeks, Sylvester,	Sn.	Winton Place.
6	Wehrley, W. H.,	29	Hartwell.
25	Wells, C. J.,	Sn.	Norfolk, Va.
29	Wells, E. T.,	49	Dayton.
25	West, W. M.,	38	Ross.
19	White, J. A.,	169	Westville.
26	Whitney, J. S.,	101	Maineville.
5	Wiant, W. A.,	152	Dialton.
8	Williams, T. G.,	93	Decatur.
26	Wilson, J.,	127	Lynchburg.
6	Winkler, J. A.,	130	Mt. Orab.
14	Wones, Creighton,	10	25th Ward, Cincinnati.
8	Wones, Timothy,	Sa.	Springfield.
..	Wyckoff, R. J.,	15	Mt. Auburn, Cin.
23	Young, L. F.,	Sa.	Georgetown.
40	Zink, M. P.,	Sa.	Hillsboro.

WIDOWS OF PREACHERS.

Baker, Mrs. M. G., Xenia, O.	Miesse, Mrs. Wm. H., 1333 Otis Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Bayliss, Mrs. J. H., 743 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, Ill.	Morrow, Mrs. W., 1337 Q St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
Beall, Mrs. A. U., Monroe, O.	Musgrove, Mrs. A., Christiansburg, O.
Bishop, Mrs. J. P., Franklin, Ky.	McClelland, Mrs. J. F., Poughkeepsie, New York.
Boyer, Mrs. W. M., Manchester, O.	McDonald, Mrs. N., Springfield, O.
Brewster, Mrs. S. A., Springfield, O.	McChesney, Mrs. S., Avondale, Cincinnati.
Callahan, Mrs. D., Georgetown, O.	Murray, Mrs. James, Mechanicsburg, Ohio.
Chalfant, Mrs. J. F., Springdale, O.	Newson, Mrs. Jos., New Carlisle, O.
Cowden, Mrs. T. S., Troy, O.	Peregrine, Mrs. J. S., Winona, Minn.
Curry, Mrs. H. M., Hartwell, O.	Purkhizer, Mrs. M. G., Hillsboro, O.
Dustin, Mrs. M., Dayton, O.	Page, Mrs. I. C., Mechanicsburg, O.
Ellsworth, Mrs. W. I., Springfield, O.	Robinson, Mrs. J. M., Indianapolis, Ind.
Fyffe, Mrs. W. H., Batavia, O.	Sargent, Mrs. D. H., Lebanon, O.
Gaddis, Mrs. M. P., Dayton, O.	Shinn, Mrs. John, Marysville, O.
Hall, Mrs. Jesse, Newport, Ky.	Smith, Mrs. James, 675 N. Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Ind.
Hill, Mrs. J. J., Lebanon, O.	Stokes, Mrs. H., Ripley, O.
Hines, Mrs. Wm. E., Williamsburg, O.	Stone, Mrs. J. W., Waverly, Iowa.
House, Mrs. Erwin, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O.	Smith, Mrs. E. C., Cleves, O.
Hypes, Mrs. W. L., Dayton, O.	Tibbitts, Mrs. A. W., Jamestown, O.
Irvin, Mrs. J. N., Columbus, O.	Van Cleve, Mrs. L. F., Troy, O.
Jackson, Mrs. W. B., Urbana, O.	Warnock, Mrs. D., Urbana, O.
Kalbfus, Mrs. C., Frostburg, Md.	Weakley, Mrs. J. W., Covington, Ky.
Kennedy, Mrs. G. H., Delaware, O.	Webster, Mrs. Wesley, South Charleston, O.
Keely, Mrs. J. W., Oxford, O.	West, Mrs. E. G., Urbana, O.
Kelley, Mrs. Geo. W., 34 S. 16th St., Richmond, Ind.	Whitmer, Mrs. D., Orient Hill, Xenia, O.
Ketcham, Mrs. C. W., Delaware, O.	Williams, Mrs. W. N., Dayton, O.
Kirk, Mrs. Eli, Christiansburg, O.	
Lee, Mrs. Thos., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.	
Mahon, Mrs. Wm., Delaware, O.	
Mathews, Mrs. J. McD., Hillsboro, O.	
Meredith, Mrs. C. G., Springfield, O.	

SUMMARY.

MINISTERS MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE—

Superannuated,	36
Supernumerary,	9
Effective,	163
Non-effective,	1
Total,	209

PROBATIONERS—

Second Year,	11
First Year,	5—16
Total,	225

LOCAL PREACHERS,	141
WIDOWS,	57

LOCAL PREACHERS.

[Names of ELDERS, in SMALL CAPS; of *Deacons*, in *italics*; and of Licentiates, in Roman letters. All post-offices are in Ohio.]

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Askew, Matthew J., Columbia, Cin'ti.
 ASKEW, ROBERT, Cincinnati.
 Bacon, David G., Cincinnati.
 Benson, W. C., Cincinnati.
 Beatty, Bernard, Cincinnati.
Clark, David W., E. Walnut Hills.
 CORNUELLE, V., Madisonville.
Deubler, Joseph, Cincinnati.
 Dunham, W. J., Cincinnati.
 Getchell, Zerah, Cincinnati.
 Gilson, W. H., Cincinnati.
 Green, Otis, Hartwell.
 HAMMELL, G. M., Cincinnati.
 Hartzell, Morton C., Avondale, Cin'ti.
 Hirst, W. N., Cincinnati.
 Kennedy, Francis, Norwood.
 Kent, Walter, Cincinnati.
 LOCKE, J. H. Winton Place.
 MITCHELL, M., Mt. Auburn, Cin'ti.
 Mosier, G. C., Cincinnati.
 Myrick, F., Wyoming.
 Shaw, Herbert C., Cincinnati.
 Spraul, Chas. W., Hartwell.
 Naugle, J. F., Cincinnati.
 RICHARDS, N. A., Norwood.
 Simpkinson, W. A., Norwood.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Bailey, S. A., Dayton.
 Coleman, C. M., Gratis.
 Collins, Harry J., Dayton.
 Crowder, George, Heno.
 Cunningham, J., Gratis.
 De Shays, James E., Dayton.
Grennan, L. E., Oxford.
 Gudgeon, H. W., Jacksonburg.
 Hollinger, C. L., Dayton.
 HORNADAY, N., West Elkton.
 Howell, Eli S., Seven Mile.
 HOWREN, A. L., Brookville.
 Jackson, W. L., Dayton.
 Jaquish, E. L., Dayton.
 JOHNSON, HIRAM, Eaton.
 Jones, T. S., Dayton.
 McCLUNG, JOHN, Bethany.
McGinnis, A. D., West Elkton.
 PAYNE, DR. J. H., Middletown.
 Pierce, W. W., Gordon.
 Poling, Wm. B., Dayton.
 Ricketts, S. B., Dayton.
 Silver, Harry, Fairhaven.
 Scott, Samuel, Dayton.

Selby, Norman, Gordon.
 Stevens, M. H., Dayton.
 Voris, J. S., Dayton.
 Weber, Le Roy, Heno.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

Burdsall, Josiah, Owensville.
Burdsall, J. W., Marathon.
 Burdsall, Richard, Delaware.
 Brown, U. S., New Richmond.
 Collins, W. O., Henning's Mills.
Cox, Edward, Point Pleasant.
 DAILEY, DAVID, Williamsburg.
 DUNHAM, J. L., Bethel.
 HAGERMAN, R. S., Lebanon.
 Hibben, T. R., Fruit Hill.
Hill, J. P., Eastwood.
 Hill, Hezekiah, Craver.
 Kelley, D. E., Lebanon.
Long, Jos. R., Eastwood.
 MCMATH, JAMES, Moscow.
McNeilan, James, Dunkinsville.
 Moore, J. F., Felicity.
 Nichols, T. B., Laurel.
 Naylor, Fee, Moscow.
 PORTER, MOSES P., Ripley.
 Shalcross, C. C., Mt. Washington.
 Shriver, W. E., Lebanon.
 Stevenson, Dan'l, Wamsley.
 Stevenson, Henry S., Manchester.
 Thoroman, S., West Union.
 Washburn, L. A., Decatur.
 Wright, J. W., Cherry Fork.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Bell, Sheridan, Xenia.
Burba, Sanford, Emerald.
Bowers, C. C., Highland.
 Craig, S. L., Oakland.
 Curless, A., Blanchester.
 Davis, A., New Market.
 FULTON, ROBERT, Lynchburg.
Ferguson, D. S., Lexington.
 Griffith, Wm. H., Marshall.
 Hamilton, S., Sinking Spring.
 HARTLEY, WM., Bell, L. E.
 HOLMES, WM., Memphis.
 Hough, W. S., Leesburg.
 Hill, John, Westboro.
Johnson, Jacob, Bowersville.
 KNOX, ELIJAH L., Samantha.
 Long, J. A., Fairfax.
 Nailor, J. S., Hillsboro.

Oldaker, J. W., Russell's.
Redkey, Martin, Leesburg.
 Rembey, W. L., Mt. Orab.
 Roberts, J. M., Sugar Tree Ridge.
 Roberts, Walter E., Winchester.
 Rogers, J. H., Mt. Orab.
 SHADE, J. W., Hillsboro.
 Snodgrass, J., Hillsboro.
 Trout, J. F., Hillsboro.
 THOMPSON, MILTON, Mt. Orab.
 WINGET, C. L., Columbus.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Albright, S. P., Arcanum.
Bennett, C. W., Piqua.
 Clutch, David, Alcony.
 CROW, T. D., Urbana.
 DEUEL, A. C., Urbana.
 Duckwall, John L., Springfield.
 Eiselstein, Geo., Springfield.
 GUNN, J. W., Springfield.
 Harper, C. A., Troy.

Heard, Thos., Piqua.
 Howard, James, Piqua.
 Hubbell, George A., Yellow Springs.
 Hill, W. T., Enon.
 Johnson, Levi, Urbana.
 Koch, J. E., Arcanum.
 Martz, Geo., Rockcastle, Ky.
 McElwain, Dennis, Cedarville.
Morris, Richard W., New Carlisle.
 Mollett, J. W., New Carlisle.
 Mitchell, R. M., Springfield.
 Miller, Walter, Springfield.
Raynor, William, Piqua.
 Rogers, Amos L., Jamestown.
 Rozell, J., Tippecanoe.
 Smith, Dr. S. D., Piqua.
 Talbot, J. G., Urbana.
 Thompson, C. W., Covington.
 Townsend, Jas., Cable.
 Trout, J. D., Springfield.
 Van Cleve, C. L., Troy.
 Wells, T. B., Tippecanoe City.

OFFICIAL EDITORS.

Wm. V. Kelley, *Methodist Review*, 150 Fifth Ave., New York.
 James M. Buckley, *The Christian Advocate*, . . 150 Fifth Ave., New York.
 Jesse L. Hurlbut, *S. S. Publications*, 150 Fifth Ave., New York.
 J. E. C. Sawyer, *Northern Christian Advocate*, . . . Syracuse, New York.
 Charles W. Smith, *Pittsburg Christ. Adv.*, . 527 Smithfield St., Pitts'g, Pa.
 David H. Moore, *Western Christian Advocate*, . . . 220 W. 4th St., Cin., O.
 Albert J. Nast, *Der Christliche Apologete*, 220 W. 4th St., Cin., O.
 F. L. Nagler, *Haus und Herd*, 220 W. 4th St., Cin., O.
 Arthur Edwards, *N. W. Christ. Advocate*, 57 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.
 J. F. Berry, *Epworth Herald*, 57 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.
 J. B. Young, *Cent. Christ. Advocate*, 1505 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.
 W. S. Matthew, *Cal. Christ. Adv.*, . . 1037 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.
 I. B. Scott, *S. W. Christ. Advocate*, . . . 139 Poydras St., New Orleans, La.

ADDRESSES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

A. B. Leonard, }
 A. J. Palmer, } *Missionary Society*, 150 Fifth Ave., New York.
 W. T. Smith, }
 A. J. Kynett, } *Board of Church Ex.*, . . 1026 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 W. A. Spencer, }
 J. W. Hamilton, } *Freed. Aid and South. Ed. Soc.*, 220 W. 4th St., Cin., O.
 M. C. B. Mason, }
 Charles H. Payne, *Board of Education*, 150 Fifth Ave., New York.
 Jesse L. Hurlbut, *S. S. Union and Tract Soc.*, . 150 Fifth Ave., New York.

PASTORAL RECORD,

Containing the Appointments of Members from the Year of Admission on Trial
to the present.

- ABRAMS, JAMES E. Cincinnati Conference: 1889, King's Creek; '90, '91, Dial-ton; '92, Catawba; '93-'96, Ripley.
- ARTHUR, RICHARD A. Ohio Con.: 1840, ———. Cincinnati Con.: '60, '70, Manchester; '71, Newtown; '72, Sardinia; '73-'96, superannuated. Addison, W. Va.
- ARMACOST, HARLEY E. Cincinnati Con.: 1893, '94, Marathon; '95, '96, at school.
- AULTMAN, D. LEE. Cincinnati Con.: 1872, Decatur; '73, '74, Clarksville; '75-'77, Bowersville; '78, '79, Manchester; '80-'82, New Richmond; '83, supernumerary; '84, '85, South Lebanon; '86, '87, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '88-'91, Assistant Recording Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; '92-'96, Madisonville.
- AUSTIN, ALPHEUS B. Cincinnati Con.: 1886, at school; '87, '88, Columbia; '89-'91, Ivanhoe; '92-'94, York Street (Cincinnati); '95, '96, Winton Place.
- AUSTIN, GILBERT P. Ohio Con.: 1883, '84, Wheelersburg and Scotoville; '85-'87, Wellston; '88, Moxahala Avenue (Zanesville). Cincinnati Con.: '89-'91, Lynchburg; '92, Waynesville; '93, supernumerary; '94, '95, Delhi; '96, Sabina.
- BAIL, JAMES T. Ohio Con.: 1848, Waverly; '49, West Jefferson; '50, Worthington; '51, Kingston. Cincinnati Con.: '52, '53, Vienna; '54, Fletcher; '55, North Lewisburg; '56, '57, King's Creek and Mechanicsburg; '58, Raper (Dayton); '59, Asbury (Cincinnati); '60, '61, Madisonville; '62, '63, McKendree (Cincinnati); '64, York Street (Cincinnati); '65-'67, South Charleston; '68-'70, Yellow Springs; '71, '72, Monroe; '73, '74, Troy; '75-'78, P. E. Hillsboro District; '79, '80, Waynesville; '81, '82, Ripley; '83, '84, New Richmond; '85, '86, Fairfield; '87, Price Hill (Cincinnati); '88, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '89-'91, Mason; '92-'94, Camden; '95, '96, West Carrollton.
- BAILEY, HENRY W. Kentucky Con.: 1875, Bangor; '76, Lawrence; '77, Coal-ton; '78, supernumerary; '79, '80, Asbury and Alexandria; '80, '81, Fleming; '82, '83, Somerset; '84-'86, Louisville; '87, '88, Louisville. Alabama Con.: '88-'90, Anniston. North Ohio Con.: '91, Bloomville. Cincinnati Con.: '92, '93, Rainsboro; '94-'96, Bethany.
- BAKER, WILLIAM J. Cincinnati Con.: 1874, Addison; '75, Amelia; '76, Pendle-ton; '77, Camp Dennison; '78, Decatur; '79, '80, Marathon; '81-'83, Sugar Tree Ridge; '84, '85, Clarksville; '86, Cedarville; '87, '88, New Jasper; '89, Fairfield; '90, '91, Rainsboro; '92, '93, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '94, Summerside; '95, '96, New Richmond.
- BARNES, CHARLES W. Cincinnati Con.: 1881-'83, Camp Dennison; '84, McLean (Cincinnati); '85, '86, Germantown; '87-'89, Winton Place; '90-'93, Central (Springfield); '94-'96, Lockland-Wyoming.
- BASHFORD, J. W. New England Con.: 1878-'80, Jamaica Plain (Boston); '81-'83, Auburndale, Mass. Maine Con.: '84-'86, Chestnut Street (Portland). Genesee Con.: '87, '88, Delaware Avenue (Buffalo); '89, Ohio Wesleyan University. Cincinnati Con.: '90-'96, Ohio Wesleyan University (Delaware).
- BECKER, OREN D. Cincinnati Con.: 1888, '89, Loveland; '90-'93, Bowersville; '94, Germantown; '95, '96, Fort Jefferson.
- BEERY, JOHN E. West Wisconsin Con.: ———. Cincinnati Con.: '96, Covington.
- BENNETT, SILAS. Ohio Con.: 1850, Milford; '51, Winchester. Cincinnati Con.: '52, East White Oak; '53, Clarksville; '54, '55, Greenfield; '56, Lewisburg; '57, Troy; '58-'63, superannuated; '64, Georgetown; '65-'67, Felicity; '68-'70, P. E. Ripley District; '71, P. E. Springfield District; '72, '73, Grace (Piqua); '74-'76, Madisonville; '77, Cheviot; '78-'80, Milford; '81, '82, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '83-'85, Batavia; '86-'96, superannuated. Bellefontaine, O.
- BLACK, JOHN G. Cincinnati Con.: 1852, No Creek, Ky.; '53, Montgomery, Ky.; '55, Mechanicsburg and King's Creek; '56, '57, Tremont; '58, '59, Fletcher; '60, Highland; '61, Winchester; '62, '63, Union; '64, Fairfield; '65, '66, James-town; '67, P. E. Ripley District; '68, superannuated; '69-'71, Tremont; '72, '73, Fairfield; '74-'76, New Carlisle; '77-'79, Tremont; '80-'82, New Lexington; '83, '84, Cedarville; '85, Moorefield; '86, '87, Williamsburg; '88, West Chester; '89-'96, superannuated. New Carlisle, O.
- BLACK, WILLIAM H. Ohio Con.: 1848, West White Oak; '49, Augusta, Ky.; '50, '51, Montgomery, Ky. Kentucky Con.: '52, '53, Orangeburg; '54, Quincy; '55-'58, P. E. Maysville District; '59, '60, Main Street (Covington); '61, New-
port; '62-'65, Chaplain 23d Kentucky Volunteer Infantry; '65, '66, Market
Street (Louisville); '67-'70, P. E. Green River District; '71, '72, Main Street

- (Covington). Cincinnati Con.: '73-'75, Port Union and Glendale; '76, '77, South Charleston; '78, '79, Troy and Casttown; '80, '81, Fairfield; '82-'94, supernumerary; '94, suspended; '95, '96 superannuated. Washington, D. C.
- BOWERS, ADAM. Cincinnati Con.: 1865, Fletcher; '66, '67, Port Union; '68, Mission (Cincinnati); '69, Spring Grove and Cumminsville; '70, '71, Sears Street (Dayton); '72-'74, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '75-'77, Asbury (Cincinnati); '78-'80, Madisonville; '81, '82, Lockland; '83-'85, Greene Street (Piqua); '86-'91, P. E. Dayton District; '92, '93, Lockland and Wyoming; '94-'96, supernumerary. Piqua, O.
- BRIGGS, CHARLES W. Cincinnati Con.: '87, Sugar Tree Ridge; '88-'90, Maineville; '91, Bethel; '92-'94, Moscow; '95, Summerside; '96, Mutual.
- BROKAW, ABRAHAM L. Cincinnati Con.: 1891-'93, Troy Circuit; '94, Clifton Avenue (Springfield); '95, New Carlisle; '96, at school.
- BROWN, VALOROUS F. Cincinnati Con.: 1879, Loveland; '80-'82, Morrow; '83-'85, Asbury (Cincinnati); '86, Waynesville; '87-'89, Broadway (Dayton); '90-'95, Troy; '95, '96, Center Street (Springfield).
- BROWN, WILLIAM K. Pittsburg Con.: 1856, Fayette, Pa.; '57, Rostraver and Elizabeth, Pa.; '58, Franklin and Independence, W. Va.; '59, '60, Hillsboro, Pa.; '61, '62, Pine Run, Pa.; '63, '64, Greensburg, Pa.; '65, Bridgewater, Pa.; '66, '67, New Lisbon, O.; '68, Alliance, O.; '69, Damascoville, O.; '70, Marlboro, O.; '71, Carrollton, O.; '72, Canton, O.; '73, '74, Franklin, O.; '75, Marion, Pa.; '76, Springdale, Pa.; '77, '78, Walton Church (Pittsburg, Pa.); '79, Wesley Chapel (Pittsburg); '80, Banksville, Pa.; '81, Homewood; '82-'84, President Cincinnati Wesleyan College. Cincinnati Con.: '85-'91, President Cincinnati Wesleyan College; '92, Groesbeck; '93, North Fairmount (Cincinnati); '94, Lebanon Circuit; '95, '96, Professor Twin Valley College.
- BURDSALL, EDMUND. Cincinnati Con.: 1869, '70, Sinking Spring; '71, Highland; '72-'74, Moorefield; '75-'77, Seven Mile; '78-'80, Port Union; '81-'83, Waynesville; '84-'86, South Charleston; '87-'91, Greenfield; '92, Grace (Urbana); '93-'95, St. Paul (Dayton); '96, Lebanon.
- BUXTON, EDWIN O. North Ohio Con.: 1879, Darlington; '80, '81, Ontario; '82-'84, Troy; '85, '86, Canal Dover; '87, '88, Elyria; '89-'93, Franklin Avenue (Cleveland). Cincinnati Con.: '94-'96, Avondale.
- CAMPBELL, SAMUEL W. Cincinnati Con.: 1886-'89, Laurel; '90, '91, West Union; '92-'95, Felicity; '96, Catawba.
- CAREY, SAMUEL W. Cincinnati Con.: 1865, Seven Mile; '66, Camden and Winchester; '67, '68, Lewisburg; '69, New Paris; '70-'72, Concord; '73-'75, Red Lion and Springboro; '76, Fairfield; '77, King's Creek; '78, Mutual; '79, '80, Union; '81, '82, East Liberty; '83, King's Creek; '84-'96, superannuated. Urbana.
- CASSATT, JOHN W. Ohio Con.: 1850, Rockville; '51, Quincy, Ky. Cincinnati Con.: '52, Milford; '53, '54, New Richmond; '55, Mt. Auburn; '56, '57, Wayne Street (Piqua); '58, Wilmington; '59, '60, New Richmond; '61, '62, South Charleston; '63-'65, Mechanicsburg; '66-'68, Central (Springfield); '69, '70, Trinity (Xenia); '71-'73, Eaton; '74-'77, P. E. Springfield District; '78, '79, Greene Street (Piqua); '80-'82, Mechanicsburg; '83-'85, Oxford; '86-'90, Greenville; '91, Eaton; '92-'96, superannuated. Greenville.
- CHAPMAN, CHARLES L. Cincinnati Con.: 1895, '96, West Alexandria.
- CHENEY, DAVID D. Cincinnati Con.: 1870, Addison; '71, Camden; '72, supernumerary. New England Con.: '73, Russell, Mass. Cincinnati Con.: '74, Bethel; '75-'77, Fletcher; '78, '79, Monroe; '80, '81, Tippecanoe; '82, Port Union; '83-'85, Seven Mile; '86-'88, Batavia; '89, '90, Ripley; '91, '92, Mechanicsburg; '93, New Vienna and Lexington; '94, '95, Clarksville; '96, Morrow.
- CHERRINGTON, EDGAR H. Cincinnati Con.: 1882, Harrison; '83-'85, St. John's; '86, '87, Pleasant Ridge; '88-'90, Hartwell; '91-'95, Oxford; '96, Mechanicsburg.
- CLAYTON, SAMUEL D. Ohio Con.: 1847, Camden; '48, Fairfield; '49, King's Creek; '50, City Mission (Cincinnati); '51, Agent Ohio Wesleyan University. Kentucky Con.: '52, Maysville, Ky.; '53, Covington, Ky. Cincinnati Con.: '54-'56, Bethel (Cincinnati); '57, '58, South Charleston; '59, '60, Bethel (Cincinnati); '61, Yellow Springs; '62, '63, Eaton; '64, '65, Park Street (Cincinnati); '66, '67, Wilmington; '68-'70, Greenfield; '71-'74, P. E. Hillsboro District; '75-'77, First Church (Urbana); '78-'80, Lebanon; '81-'83, Madisonville; '84-'86, Broadway (Dayton); '87, '88, Ripley; '89-'95, supernumerary; '96, Conference evangelist.
- CLEMANS, FRANCIS M. Cincinnati Con.: 1866-'68, Union; '69-'71, Fairfield; '72-'74, Middletown; '75, '76, King's Creek; '77-'79, Mechanicsburg; '80-'82, Miami; '83, '84, Ripley; '85-'87, Jamestown; '88-'92, Franklin; '93-'96, Broadway (Dayton).
- COFFMAN, W. M. Cincinnati Con.: 1892-'95, Fair Haven; '96, Port Union.
- COLLETT, THOMAS. Ohio Con.: 1850, Franklin; '51, New Burlington. Cincinnati Con.: '52, New Burlington; '53, '54, Jamestown; '55, '56, Wilmington; '57, '58, Mission (Cincinnati); '59, '60, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '61, '62, Hillsboro; '63-'65, Troy; '66, '67, First Church (Xenia); '68-'70, High Street (Springfield); '71-'73, Raper (Dayton); '74, St. John's (Cincinnati); '75, '76, Eaton; '77-'79, Greenfield; '80, '81, Winton Place; '82-'84, St. Paul's (Dayton);

- '85, Middletown; '86, supernumerary; '87, St. Paul's (Springfield); '88-'96, Agent Preachers' Relief Society. Middletown.
- COLLEY, JAMES R. 1878-'86, Wesleyan Church, England. Minnesota Con.: '86, Forest City; '87, '88, Paynesville; '89, Albert Lea. Oregon Con.: '91, '92, Clark Church (Portland). Cincinnati Con.: '93, South Lebanon; '94, '95, Sabina; '96, Christie (Cincinnati).
- CONGER, CHARLES L. North Ohio Con.: 1878, '79, Iberia. Cincinnati Con.: '80-'82, Columbia; '83-'85, Morrow; '86-'89, New Vienna; '90, '91, Waynesville; '92-'94, Christie (Cincinnati); '95, '96, Greenville.
- COWGILL, AMOS T. Cincinnati Con.: 1885, Blanchester; '86-'88, Clarksville; '89-'93, Newtown; '94-'96, Waynesville.
- CRUM, CAREY T. Cincinnati Con.: 1867, Lewisburg; '68, Fletcher; '69, North Bend; '70, New Burlington; '71, Brandt; '72, Centenary; '73-'75, Concord; '76, Jasper; '77, '78, Maineville; '79, Columbia; '80-'82, West Chester and Sharon; '83-'85, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '86-'88, Cumminsville; '89, Mt. Washington and Red Bank; '90, Lewisburg; '91, West Alexandria; '92-'94, Goshen; '95, '96, Harrison.
- CUNDY, THOMAS. Philadelphia Con.: 1871, Tacony (Philadelphia); '72, Raubsville, Pa. Kentucky Con.: '73, '74, Ludlow; '75, '76, Asbury; '77, '78, Catlettsburg. Cincinnati Con.: '79, New Richmond; '80, Leesburg; '81-'83, Belfast; '84, Winchester; '85, '86, Feesburg; '87, '88, Bethel; '89, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '90, Camden; '91, Montgomery; '92, '93, Venice (Ross); '94, '95, West Chester; '96, King's Creek.
- CURLESS, H. G. Cincinnati Con.: 1891, '92, Sinking Spring; '93-'96, at school.
- CURNICK, PAUL C. Cincinnati Con.: 1889-'90, McLean (Cincinnati); '91, Price Hill (Cincinnati); '92-'96, St. Paul (Springfield).
- DALBEY, JOHN L. Cincinnati Con.: 1888, '89, Germantown; '90, Covington; '91-'93, Christiansburg; '94-'96, Arcanum.
- DARLING, J. D. Cincinnati Con.: 1892-'94, Centenary; '95, '96, Moscow.
- DARLINGTON, NEWTON W. Kentucky Con.: 1858, ———. Cincinnati Con.: '76, Williamsburg; '77, Manchester; '78, '79, Laurel; '80, Bowersville; '81, Martinsville; '82, Marshall; '83, Finley (Cincinnati); '84, Pendleton; '85-'96, superannuated. West Union.
- DART, GEORGE H. Cincinnati Con.: 1856, Lewisburg; '57, Camden; '58, New Lexington; '59, '60, Clarksville; '61, '62, Wilmington; '63, Mt. Auburn; '64-'66, McKendree (Cincinnati); '67, High Street (Springfield); '68-'70, Finley (Cincinnati); '71, '72, McKendree (Cincinnati); '73-'75, Grace (Urbana); '76, '77, Hamilton; '78-'80, Middletown; '81-'83, Milford; '84-'86, Lebanon; '87-'92, P. E. Hamilton District, Hamilton, O.; '93, '94, Hillsboro; '95, '96, P. E. Georgetown District.
- DAVIS, JOHN H. Cincinnati Con.: 1874, Winchester; '75, '76, Butlerville; '77, '78, Rainsboro; '79, supernumerary; '80, Marshall; '81, '82, Catawba; '83, Brandt; '84, '85, North Hampton; '86, '87, Martinsville; '88, '89, supernumerary; '90-'92, Sugar Tree Ridge; '93, '94, Hillsboro Circuit; '95, Bethel; '96, Feesburg.
- DAVIS, LUCIEN M. Cincinnati Con.: 1871, '72, Newtown; '73, '74, Batavia; '75, '76, Amelia; '77, '78, New Richmond; '79, supernumerary; '80, '81, Bantam; '82, '83, Moscow; '84, New Boston and Newtonville; '85-'88, Lynchburg; '89-'93, Sabina; '94, Rainsboro; '95, '96, New Moorefield.
- DAVIS, WILBUR L. Y. Cincinnati Con.: 1892, Valparaiso, S. A.; '93, '94, Groesbeck; '95, '96, First Church (Norwood).
- DEATON, W. A. Cincinnati Con.: 1892, '93, Germantown; '94, Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '95, '96, Columbia.
- DEEM, REUBEN K. Erie Con.: 1863, Albion; '64, Ridgway. Cincinnati Con.: '65, Raysville; '66, Old Town; '67, Williamsburg; '68, '69, Batavia; '70, '71, Maineville and Loveland; '72, Harrison; '73, '74, Winton Place; '75, '76, Bethany; '77, Milford; '78-'80, Seven Mile; '81-'83, Centerville; '84-'86, Port Union; '87-'89, Waynesville; '90-'92, New Vienna and Lexington; '93, '94, Tremont City; '95, '96, Yellow Springs.
- DEPUTY, LEONIDAS O. Cincinnati Con.: 1880, Sugar Tree Ridge; '81, Winchester; '82, Decatur; '83, '84, Manchester; '85, Chilo; '86, '87, New Boston; '88, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '89-'91, Olive Branch; '92, '93, South Charleston Circuit; '94, '95, Troy Circuit; '96, Clarksville.
- DUBOIS, GEORGE W. Cincinnati Con.: 1875, Venice; '76, Walker and Union; '77-'79, Morrow; '80, Pearl Street; '81-'83, Mt. Washington; '84, Fairmount; '85-'89, Hamilton; '90, '91, St. Paul (Springfield); '92-'95, First Church (Urbana); '96, Walnut Hills.
- DUDLEY, WILLIAM R. Cincinnati Con.: 1885, '86, Brandt; '87, '88, Fairfield; '89-'91, New Jasper; '92, Chaplain Ohio State Penitentiary; '95, suspended.
- DUNHAM, WARREN J. Cincinnati Con.: 1896, Cleves.
- EASTON, GEORGE S. Kentucky Con.: 1882-'83, Dayton; '84, '85, Maysville; '86, Main Street (Covington). Cincinnati Con.: '87, '88, Gordon; '89, Montgomery; '90, '91, Addyston. Louisiana Con.: '92-'94, St. Charles Avenue (New Orleans). Cincinnati Con.: '95, '96, Goshen.

- EASTON, JOHN A. Cincinnati Con.: 1874, Sardinia; '75, '76, New Burlington; '77, '78, Brookville; '79, Cheviot; '80-'82, Venice; '83-'85, Wright Chapel (Cincinnati); '86, '87, West Chester; '88, New Moorefield; '89, New Carlisle; '90, Norwood; '91-'93, Clarksville; '94-'96, New Vienna and Lexington.
- EDGAR, GEORGE M. Cincinnati Con.: 1855, Winchester; '56, '57, Highland; '58, Clarksville; '59, '60, Sinking Spring; '61, Lynchburg; '62, New Lexington; '63, '64, Jamestown; '65, '66, Addison; '67, New Burlington; '68-'70, Highland; '71, '72, Winchester; '73, Lynchburg; '74, Addison; '75, '76, New Lexington; '77, '78, Sinking Spring; '79, Fairfield; '80, '81, Troy Circuit; '82, New Paris; '83, Marshall; '84, Feesburg; '85, Aberdeen; '86, Moscow; '87, Fair Haven; '88, Venice; '89-'96, superannuated.
- EDMISTON, SULLIVAN W. Cincinnati Con.: 1857, Cumminsville; '58, '59, Winchester; '60, Raysville; '61, '62, Venice; '63, '64, Madisonville; '65, '66, Moscow; '67-'69, Aberdeen; '70, '71, New Lexington; '72, North Bend; '73-'75, Winchester; '76-'78, Sardinia; '79, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '80, '81, Decatur; '82, Marshall; '83, Winchester; '84, '85, Hillsboro Circuit; '86, agent Hillsboro College; '87-'89, Decatur; '90-'96, superannuated.
- ELLIOTT, CALVIN W. Cincinnati Con.: 1888-'90, Red Lion; '91, '92, Carthage and Elmwood; '93-'95, Mt. Washington; '96, New Carlisle.
- ELLSWORTH, EARL M. Cincinnati Con.: 1895, Brandt; '96, Grace (Springfield).
- ENGLISH, FRANK C. Cincinnati Con.: 1890, Bethel; '91, Williamsburg Circuit; '92, Bethel; '93-'96, at school.
- ENYART, CHARLES S. Cincinnati Con.: 1893, '94, Red Lion; '95, Hillsboro College; '96, Georgetown.
- EWRY, D. S. Cincinnati Con.: 1892, Lewisburg; '93, '94, King's Creek; '95, Christiansburg; '96, South Charleston Circuit.
- FEE, GEORGE W. Cincinnati Con.: 1858, West Union; '59, Hamersville; '60, North Bend; '61, '62, Port Union; '63, '64, Venice; '65, Fletcher; '66-'68, supernumerary; '69, '70, Feesburg; '71, Sardinia; '72, Lynchburg; '73, '74, Laurel; '75-'78, supernumerary; '79, Bantam; '80-'82, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '83, Williamsburg; '84, '85, Marathon; '86-'88, supernumerary; '89-'96, superannuated. Mt. Orab, Ohio.
- FEE, WILLIAM I. Ohio Con.: 1842, Georgetown; '43, Batavia; '44, Eaton; '45, '46, Putnam; '47, Guyandotte, W. Va.; '48, Augusta, Ky.; '49, West Union; '50, '51, Ripley. Cincinnati Con.: '52, '53, Hillsboro; '54, '55, Ninth Street (Cincinnati); '56, '57, Wesley (Dayton); '58, '59, High Street (Springfield); '60, '61, Christie (Cincinnati); '62, '63, Xenia; '64-'66, First Church (Urbana); '67-'69, Hamilton; '70-'72, Greene Street (Piqua); '73-'75, Wesley (Cincinnati); '76, Greenfield; '77-'80, P. E. Ripley District; '81-'83, South Charleston; '84-'86, York Street (Cincinnati); '87, '88, McKendree (Cincinnati); '89, '90, Grace (Springfield); '91, Grace (Piqua); '92-'94, Agent of Conference Domestic Missionary Society; '95, supernumerary; '96, Conference evangelist.
- FIDLER, THORNTON E. Cincinnati Con.: 1858, Lewisburg; '59, Winchester; '60, Aberdeen; '61, Piqua Circuit; '62, '63, North Lewisburg; '64, '65, Catawba; '66-'68, West Union; '69, Bethel; '70, '71, Addison; '72-'74, King's Creek; '75, '76, Tremont; '77, Germantown; '78, '79, Concord; '80, '81, New Paris; '82, North Bend; '83, '84, Venice; '85, Groesbeck; '86, '87, North Hampton; '88-'96, superannuated. Urbana, Ohio.
- FULLER, M. B. Cincinnati Con.: '91, '92, Manchester; '93-'95, Georgetown; '96, First Church (Urbana).
- FULTON, GEORGE M. Cincinnati Con.: 1883-'85, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '86, '87, Aberdeen; '88-'92, Amelia; '93-'96, Williamsburg.
- GADDIS, JOHN W. Cincinnati Con.: 1874, Decatur; '75, '76, Columbia; '77, McLean (Cincinnati); '78-'80, Davison (Dayton); '81, '82, Asbury (Cincinnati); '83-'85, Tremont; '86, '87, New Carlisle; '88-'90, Leesburg; '91-'94, Centerville; '95, '96, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati).
- GADDIS, EUGENE S. Cincinnati Con.: 1888, Cleves; '89, '90, Price Hill; '91, Pendleton (Cincinnati); '92, supernumerary; '93, '94, St. John (Cincinnati); '95, Mason; '96, Loveland and Branch Hill.
- GEISSINGER, JAMES A. Cincinnati Con.: 1896, Finley (Cincinnati).
- GLASCOCK, J. L. Cincinnati Con.: 1882, Groesbeck; '83-'85, Harrison; '86, Mt. Lookout; '87-'89, Milford; '90, Eaton; '91-'95, supernumerary; '96, Conference evangelist.
- GRAY, WALTER S. Cincinnati Con.: 1890, Jacksonville; '91, Centenary; '92, '93, Williamsburg Circuit; '94-'96, Chilo.
- GREGG, JOHN L. Cincinnati Con.: 1856, White Oak; '57, West Union; '58, Beaver Creek; '59, Enon; '60, Georgetown; '61, Moscow; '62, '63, Manchester; '64, '65, Sinking Spring; '66-'68, Clarksville; '69, '70, Lynchburg; '71, Centenary; '72, '73, Feesburg; '74, '75, Decatur; '76-'78, Cedarville; '79, Brookville; '80, '81, Rainsboro; '82, '83, Winchester; '84, Sugar Tree Ridge; '85, located. Kansas Con.: '86, ——. Cincinnati Con.: '87, '88, supernumerary; '89-'96, superannuated. Manhattan, Kan.
- GRIFFITH, ABSALOM M. Cincinnati Con.: 1863, Spring Grove; '64, North Bend; '65, New Carlisle; '66, '67, Raysville; '68-'70, Old Town; '71-'73, Union; '74, '75, Oldtown; '76, '77, Miami; '78, '79, Bowersville; '80, '81, New Jasper; '82-'96, superannuated. Sabina.

- GROVER, JAMES L. Ohio Con.: 1837, Springfield; '38, '39, Urbana; '40, Western Charge (Cincinnati); '41, '42, Wesley (Cincinnati); '43, Marietta; '44, Ripley; '45, '46, Piqua; '47-'50, P. E. Urbana District; '51, '52, Walnut Street (Chillicothe); '53, '54, Wesley Chapel (Columbus); '61-'63, chaplain Ohio Penitentiary. Cincinnati Con.: '64, '65, First Church (Urbana); '66, Greene Street (Piqua); '67, Finley (Cincinnati); '68, Oxford; '69, supernumerary; '70-'72, Bible agent; '73-'96, superannuated. Columbus.
- GULLETTE, C. W. Southeast Indiana Con. 1877, Cross Plains; '78, Delaware. South Kansas Con.: '79, '80, Americus; '81, '82, Eureka; '83, '84, Paola; '85-'87, Ottawa; '88, '89, Baldwin. Cincinnati Con.: '89, St. Paul (Springfield); '90-'93, Hamilton; '94-'96, Trinity (Cincinnati).
- HAINES, CHARLES H. Cincinnati Con.: 1880-'82, Cumminsville; '83, '84, Groesbeck; '85-'89, Delhi; '90-'92, Broadway (Dayton); '93-'96, Franklin.
- HAMILTON, ANDREW. Cincinnati Con.: 1866, '67, Lynchburg; '68, Batavia; '69, Brandt; '70, '71, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '72, St. Paul and Mears Chapel (Cincinnati); '73, '74, Monroe; '75, '76, New Richmond; '77, Reformed Episcopal Church, Toronto; '78-'80, Blanchester; '81, '82, Batavia; '83, McLean (Cincinnati); '84-'86, Yellow Springs; '87-'89, Port Union; '90, McKendree (Cincinnati); '91-'94, Seven Mile; '95, '96, Blanchester.
- HARRIS, THOMAS J. Cincinnati Con.: 1860, Collins (Cincinnati); '61, Mt. Auburn and Collins; '62, Mt. Auburn; '63, Georgetown; '64, Mt. Washington; '65-'67, Eaton; '68, '69, Mechanicsburg; '70-'72, Oxford; '73-'75, Hamilton; '76-'78, Ripley; '79-'81, High Street (Springfield); '82-'84, Wesley (Cincinnati); '85, '86, supernumerary; '87-'89, Norwood; '90, supernumerary; '91-'96, superannuated. Norwood P. O.
- HARTLEY, CHARLES J. Cincinnati Con.: 1887, St. John's (Cincinnati); '88, Blanchester; '89-'92, Belfast; '93, '94, Riverside; '95, supernumerary.
- HENDERSON, HOWARD A. M. Alabama Con.: 1858, '59, Newberne; '60, '61, Demopolis; '62-'65, in army; '66-'70, Frankfort, Ky.; '71, Lexington; '72-'79, superintendent public schools of Kentucky. California Con.: '80, San Francisco. Cal. Missouri Con.: '81, '82, Hannibal, Mo. Newark Con.: '83-'86, Jersey City. New York Con.: '86, '87, New York City. Cincinnati Con.: '88-'90, Trinity (Cincinnati); '91-'95, Hartwell; '96, Delhi.
- HERR, WILLIAM. Ohio Con.: 1828, Marietta; '29, Charleston, W. Va.; '30, Gallipolis; '31, Portsmouth; '32, Chester, Ky.; '33, Agent Augusta College; '34, Mt. Vernon; '35, Detroit, Mich.; '36, '37, P. E. Detroit District; '38, '39, Columbus; '40, '41, Fourth Street and Ninth Street (Cincinnati); '42, '43, Dayton; '44, Springfield; '45, Chillicothe; '46, '47, Xenia; '48, '49, Morris (Cincinnati); '50, '51, Urbana. Cincinnati Con.: '52, '53, P. E. Dayton District; '55-'58, P. E. Cincinnati District; '59, '60, Greene Street (Piqua); '61-'75, Bible agent; '76, Davisson (Dayton); '77-'83, Agent Preachers' Relief Society; '84-'96, superannuated. Dayton, Ohio.
- HERR, DAVID. Cincinnati Con.: 1892, '93, West Alexandria; '94, '95, Grace (Springfield); '96, Grace (Piqua).
- HERSHEY, HENRY. Cincinnati Con.: 1888, '89, Walker and Union; '90, Pleasant Ridge and Bond Hill; '91, Mission Circuit (Cincinnati); '92, St. John (Cincinnati); '93-'95, Pendleton; '96, Groesbeck.
- HICKMAN, JEREMIAH W. Minnesota Con.: 1880, St. James, Minn.; '81, Waterville, Minn. Central Ohio Con.: '82, Willshire; '83, '84, Ayersville; '85, New Madison. Cincinnati Con.: '86, Gordon; '87, Walker and Union; '88, '89, Fair Haven; '90, '91, Cleves; '92, supernumerary; '93, Loveland; '94, Williamsburg Circuit; '95, '96, superannuated.
- HILL, JAMES R. Cincinnati Con.: 1890, Brandt; '91-'93, Covington; '94-'96, Tippecanoe City and Milton.
- HOLLINGSWORTH, EDWARD L. Cincinnati Con.: 1894, Groesbeck; '95, Blue Creek; '96, Sugar Tree Ridge.
- HOOK, ARCHIE W. Cincinnati Con.: 1896, Homestead Ave. and Riverdale (Dayton).
- HORN, C. W. Cincinnati Con.: 1892-'95, Glendale and Sharonville; '96, Aberdeen.
- HULL, JOHN F. Cincinnati Con.: 1863, Catawba; '64, Fairfield; '65, Spring Grove; '66, '67, Buckeye Street (Dayton); '68, Vienna; '69, Batavia; '70, supernumerary; '71, East Liberty; '72, '73, New Paris; '74, New Burlington; '75-'77, Fair Haven and Sugar Valley; '78, '79, North Bend; '80-'86, supernumerary; '87-'92, superannuated. Rowland, Ala.
- HUMPHREY, U. G. Cincinnati Con.: '91, '92, Pleasant Ridge; '93-'95, Winchester; '96, New Burlington.
- HUNTER, J. RAIPER. Cincinnati Con.: 1868, Venice; '69, Fletcher; '70, Clarks-ville; '71, Amelia; '72, '73, New Lexington; '74-'76, Sinking Spring; '77-'79, Venice; '80-'82, Moorefield; '83, '84, East Liberty; '85-'87, Addison; '88, New Paris; '89-'92, Tippecanoe City and Milton; '93, '94, Mutual; '95, '96, Owensville and Newtonville.
- HUTCHINSON, HENRY C. Cincinnati Con.: 1895, Centenary; '96, West Chester.
- HYPES, BENJAMIN D. Cincinnati Con.: 1879-'81, Pendleton; '82, Finley (Cincinnati); '83, '84, Delhi; '85, Grace (Piqua); '86-'90, Arcanum; '91-'95, South Charleston; '96, McKendree (Cincinnati).

- HYPES, FLETCHER W.** Cincinnati Con.: 1857, New Burlington; '58, Fairfield; '59, Raysville; '60, West Union; '61, Xenia; '62, Jamestown; '63, '64, Lewisburg; '65, '66, New Paris; '67-'69, Camden; '70, '71, North Bend; '72, '73, Venice; '74, Laurel; '75-'77, Boston; '78, Centenary; '79, West Chester and Sharon; '80, Belfast; '81, Bethel; '82, '83, West Union; '84, '85, Olive Branch; '86, '87, Troy Circuit; '88, Addison; '89, '90, Centenary; '91, '92, supernumerary; '93-'96, superannuated. (P. O., Owensville.)
- JACKSON, WILLIAM P.** Cincinnati Con.: 1865, Laurel. Holston Con.: '66, Elizabethtown, Tenn.; '67, Hendersonville, N. C.; '68, Little River, Tenn.; '69, Strawberry, Tenn. Cincinnati Con.: '70, Chilo; '71, '72, Deerfield and Zoar; '73, '74, Amelia; '75, Decatur; '76, Aberdeen; '77, '78, East Liberty; '79, '80, Catawba; '81-'83, Marathon; '84-'86, Decatur; '87, '88, West Union; '89-'92, Winchester; '93-'95, Amelia; '96, Rainsboro.
- JAMES, EVAN P.** Cincinnati Con.: 1856, Williamsburg; '57, Walnut Hills; '58, New Burlington; '59, Camden; '60, Venice; '61, North Bend; '62, Winchester; '63, Oldtown; '64, Addison; '65, Hamersville; '66, Aberdeen; '67, Moscow; '68, '69, Concord; '70, '71, New Paris; '72-'74, East Liberty; '75, '76, Laurel; '77, '78, Marathon; '79-'81, West Union; '82, '83, Feesburg; '84, Bantam; '85, '86, Bethel and Laurel; '87, '88, Brandt; '89, '90, Gordon; '91-'93, Agent American Bible Society; '94-'96, superannuated. Delaware.
- JENKINSON, JAMES A.** Cincinnati Con.: 1896, West Elkton.
- KALBFUS, CHARLES H.** Cincinnati Con.: 1871, '72, Laurel; '73-'75, Miami; '76-'78, Oldtown; '79, '80, North Hampton; '81, '82, Gordon; '83-'85, New Paris; '86, '87, Camden; '88, Springboro; '89-'91, West Chester; '92, Red Lion; '93, '94, Walker and Union; '95, J. C. Laurel.
- KAUFFMAN, MICHAEL.** Ohio Con.: 1848, Marysville; '49, Park Street and Morris Chapel (Cincinnati); '50, '51, Lockland. Cincinnati Con.: '52, '53, Venice; '54, '55, North Bend; '56, '57, Middletown; '58, Eaton; '59-'62, P. E. Hillsboro District; '63, '64, Greenfield; '65-'67, Middletown; '68-'70, South Charleston; '71, Jamestown; '72-'74, Mt. Washington; '75, '76, Mechanicsburg; '77, '78, New Carlisle; '79, Tippecanoe; '80, '81, Lewisburg; '82-'84, Troy Circuit; '85-'96, superannuated. (P. O., Springfield.)
- KECK, HENRY M.** Cincinnati Con.: 1856, Vienna; '57, '58, Addison; '59, Red Lion and Springboro; '60, Port Union; '61, Catawba; '62, Lewisburg; '63, Laurel; '64, Williamsburg; '65, Aberdeen; '66, '67, Winchester; '68, Manchester; '69, Wilmington; '70-'72, Batavia; '73-'75, Felicity; '76-'78, Yellow Springs; '79, Lockington; '80, '81, Concord; '82, '83, Lewisburg; '84-'86, New Jasper; '87, Cedarville; '88, supernumerary; '89-'96, superannuated. Hamilton.
- KETCHAM, HEBER D.** Cincinnati Con.: 1884, '85, Blanchester; '86-'88, Mt. Washington and Red Bank; '89-'91, Wilmington; '92-'94, Clifton (Cincinnati); '95, '96, Hillsboro.
- KETCHAM, MERRICK E.** New York Con.: 1882-'84, Rhine Cliff and Hillside; '85-'87, Hyde Park and Staatsburg; '88, Lenox, Mass. Cincinnati Con.: '89, Walnut Hills; '89, '90, Mechanicsburg; '91-'93, Miamisburg; '94-'96, Grace (Norwood).
- KIRGAN, FRANCIS M.** Cincinnati Con.: 1880, Walker and Union; '81, '82, Brandt; '83-'85, Lockington; '86, Blanchester; '87-'89, Centerville; '90-'92, Mt. Washington and Red Bank; '93-'96, Carthage and Elmwood.
- KUGLER, MATTHIAS M.** Cincinnati Con.: 1875, '76, Cheviot; '77, '78, Loveland; '79, '80, St. John's (Cincinnati); '81-'83, Davissou (Dayton); '84-'86, Mechanicsburg; '87-'89, Lebanon; '90, '91, Winton Place; '92, Delhi; '93-'96, Cheviot.
- LAIRD, JOHN F.** Cincinnati Con.: 1885, Carthage; '86, Groesbeck; '87, Chilo; '88, '89, Marathon; '90, '91, Laurel; '92-'96, West Union.
- LANE, EDWARD T.** Minnesota Con.: 1879. Cincinnati Con.: '80-'82, Mt. Lookout; '83, '84, Columbia; '85, Pleasant Ridge; '86, '87, Olive Branch; '88, '89, supernumerary; '90, New Richmond; '91, Goshen; '92-'94, Wilmington; '95, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati); '96, Felicity.
- LEASE, JOHN H.** Central Pennsylvania Con.: 1860-'63, Principal in Union Seminary, New Berlin, Pa.; '64, '65, Professor in Pennsylvania Agricultural College; '65-'69, Professor of Ancient Languages in Northwestern College, Napier, Ill. St. Louis Con.: '70-'72, Holden, Mo.; '73, '74, Knob Knoster, Mo. Cincinnati Con.: '75-'77, Batavia; '78-'80, Asbury (Cincinnati); '81-'83, Wilmington; '84-'86, Madisonville; '87-'89, York Street (Cincinnati); '90-'94, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati); '95, Bond Hill; '96, Seven Mile.
- LEEVEY, FRANK.** Cincinnati Con.: 1876, West Union; '77, '78, Amelia; '79, Cumminsville; '80, '81, St. Paris and Lena; '82, '83, New Boston; '84-'86, Miami; '87, Springboro and Red Lion; '88-'90, Seven Mile; '91-'93, Bethany; '94-'96, Union.
- LEONARD, ADNA B.** Pittsburg Con.: 1860, Marlboro, O.; '61, '62, Allegheny, Pa.; '63, Butler, Pa.; '64, '65, Alliance, O. Kansas Con.: '66, '67, Leavenworth, Kan.; '68, '69, P. E. Leavenworth District. Pittsburg Con.: '70-'72, Smithfield Street (Pittsburg, Pa.) Cincinnati Con.: '73, St. John (Cincinnati); '74-'76, Walnut Hills; '77, '78, Grace (Dayton); '79-'82, P. E. East Cincinnati District; '83-'85, Central (Springfield); '86, '87, Greene Street (Piqua); '88-'96, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society (150 Fifth Avenue, New York).

- LeSOURD, MARION. Cincinnati Con.: 1881-'83, Carthage and Pleasant Ridge; '84-'86, Winton Place; '87-'91, Christie (Cincinnati); '92-'96, Greenfield.
- LINZELL, LEWIS E. Cincinnati Con.: 1896, Bond Hill.
- LOWREY, ASBURY. Genesee Con.: 1838, Benton; '39, located. Ohio Con.: '40, '41, Eaton; '42, Piqua; '43, Troy; '44, '45, Asbury (Cincinnati); '46, '47, Chillicothe; '48, Newark; '49, '50, Zanesville; '51, Xenia. Cincinnati Con.: '52, Xenia; '53, Principal Xenia Female Academy; '54, '55, Morris (Cincinnati); '56, First Church (Urbana); '57, '58, Wesley (Cincinnati); '59, '60, Hamilton; '61, '62, Greene Street (Piqua); '63, P. E. Dayton District; '64, Wesley (Dayton); '65, Agent Centenary Fund; '66, Oxford; '67-'70, P. E. Springfield District; '71, P. E. Xenia District; '72, '73, P. E. West Cincinnati District; '74-'83, supernumerary—editor and founder of the Christian Standard and Home Journal; '84-'95, Editor Divine Life (150 Fifth Avenue, New York); '96, superannuated.
- LOYD, JOHN F. Ohio Con.: 1849, Monroe; '50, Jamestown; '51, Clarksville. Cincinnati Con.: '52, '53, Sinking Spring; '54, Georgetown; '55, '56, Mission (Cincinnati); '57, Harrison; '58, '59, Monroe; '60, Davisson (Dayton); '61, '62, Red Lion and Springboro; '63, '64, missionary to soldiers; '65, Mission (Cincinnati); '66, '67, High Street (Cincinnati); '68, Carr Street (Cincinnati); '69, Union; '70, Mission (Cincinnati); '71, Mears (Cincinnati); '72-'74, Goshen; '75, '76, North Lewisburg; '77-'85, President Hillsboro Female College; '86, Acting President Rust University; '87, Germantown; '88, Professor Cincinnati Wesleyan College; '89, Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '90, Pendleton; '91, '92, Maineville; '93-'96, superannuated. (P. O., Delaware.)
- LUCAS, J. W. Cincinnati Con.: 1892, '93, Miami; '94, '95, South Charleston Circuit; '96, Gordon.
- MACKEY, CHARLES L. Cincinnati Con.: 1893, Cleves; '94, '95, Camp Washington (Cincinnati); '96, Mt. Washington.
- MAGRUDER, JAMES W. Cincinnati Con.: 1889-'91, Camp Washington; '92-'96, Wesley Chapel (Cincinnati).
- MADDON, ALLEN D. Cincinnati Con.: 1875, Lynchburg; '76-'78, Bethel; '79-'81, Clarksville; '82-'84, Lynchburg; '85-'87, Winchester; '88-'90, Cheviot; '91, '92, Fairmount; '93, Waynesville; '94-'96, Newtown.
- MARLAY, JOHN F. Ohio Con.: 1850, King's Creek; '51, Milford. Cincinnati Con.: '52, Collins (Cincinnati); '53, '54, Oxford; '55, Franklin; '56, '57, High Street (Springfield); '58, '59, Troy; '60, '61, Wesley (Dayton); '62, '63, Park Street (Cincinnati); '64, Secretary United States Christian Commission; '65-'67, Raper (Dayton); '68-'70, Hillsboro; '71-'73, First Church (Xenia); '74, Eaton; '75-'77, Greene Street (Piqua); '78-'80, First Church (Urbana); '81, Middletown; '82-'84, High Street (Springfield); '85-'89, First Church (Xenia); '90, 91, Lockland-Wyoming; '92-'96, P. E. Springfield District (Springfield).
- MARSH, SEREN N. Cincinnati Con.: 1869, Clarksville; '70, Bowersville; '71, Georgetown; '72, Laurel; '73, '74, Centenary; '75, '76, Manchester; '77-'79, Aberdeen; '80, '81, Moscow; '82-'86, supernumerary; '87-'96, superannuated. Montecito, Cal.
- MARSHALL, ISAAC R. Cincinnati Con.: 1893, Brandt; '94, Bethel; '95, Springboro; '96, Fairhaven.
- MASON, JOHN. Cincinnati Con.: 1856, Jamestown; '57, Merrittstown; '58, Raysville; '59, New Burlington; '60, supernumerary; '61, Oldtown; '62, '63, Lebanon; '64, '65, Waynesville; '66, '67, Mechanicsburg; '68-'70, Monroe; '71-'73, South Charleston; '74-'76, Jamestown; '77, Madisonville; '78, Tippecanoe; '79, Miamisburg; '80, supernumerary; '81-'83, Walker and Union; '84-'86, Centerville; '87, '88, Mason; '89-'94, P. E. Ripley District; '95, '96, Milford.
- MASON, WILBUR N. Cincinnati Con.: 1892, Georgetown; '93-'96, at school.
- MAXEY, WILLIAM N. Cincinnati Con.: 1855, New Lexington; '56, New Market; '57, '58, Lynchburg; '59, Sinking Spring; '60, '61, Winchester; '62, Clarksville; '63, Bowersville; '64-'96, superannuated. (P. O., Russell's.)
- McCABE, JOHN J. Cincinnati Con.: 1882-'84, Germantown; '85, '86, Tippecanoe; '87, '88, South Charleston; '89-'92, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati); '93-'96, First Church, Xenia.
- McCABE, LORENZO D. Ohio Con.: 1843, Worthington; '44, Professor of Mathematics and Mechanical Philosophy in Ohio University; '45-'51, Professor of Mathematics and Mechanical Philosophy in Ohio Wesleyan University. Cincinnati Con.: '52-'59, Professor of Mathematics in Ohio Wesleyan University; '60-'64, Professor of Biblical Theology and Moral Philosophy in Ohio Wesleyan University; '64-'70, Professor of Philosophy in Ohio Wesleyan University; '70-'75, Acting President and Professor of Philosophy in Ohio Wesleyan University; '76-'94, Professor of Philosophy in Ohio Wesleyan University; '96, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, Ohio Wesleyan University. (P. O., Delaware, Ohio.)
- McCOLM, DAVID A. Cincinnati Con.: 1878, '79, Marshall; '80-'82, Sinking Spring; '83-'85, Sabina; '86, '87, New Burlington; '88, '89, Aberdeen; '90, Port Union; '91, Camden; '92, New Moorefield; '93, '94, Osborn; '95, '96, Lewisburg.
- McCOLM, JAMES F. Cincinnati Con.: 1874, '75, Feesburg; '76, Bantam; '77, Collins; '78, Bantam; '79, '80, Olive Branch; '81-'83, Blanchester and Butlerville; '84-'86, Goshen; '87-'90, Union; '91, Leesburg; '92, '93, Arcanum; '94, '95, Port Union; '96, Winchester.

- McCOLM, REUBEN S. Cincinnati Con.: 1889, Blanchester; '90, '91, South Charleston Circuit; '92-'96, New Jasper.
- McHUGH, EDWARD. Cincinnati Con.: 1856, New Lexington; '57, '58, New Market; '59, Aberdeen; '60, '61, Miami; '62, Goshen; '63, '64, Felicity; '65, New Richmond; '66, '67, North Lewisburg; '68-'70, Waynesville; '71-'73, McLean (Cincinnati); '74, Finley (Cincinnati); '75-'77, McKendree (Cincinnati); '78, '79, Georgetown; '80-'82, Tremont; '83-'85, West Chester; '86-'90, Bethany; '91-'95, McKendree (Cincinnati); '96, Asbury (Cincinnati).
- McMULLEN, WILLIAM T. Cincinnati Con.: 1863, Batavia; '64, '65, Aberdeen; '66-'68, Laurel; '69, '70, West Union; '71, '72, Batavia; '73-'75, Marathon; '76, '77, Centenary; '78-'83, supernumerary; '84-'96, superannuated. Owensville.
- McNARY, JAMES H. South Kansas Con.: 1888-'90, Fontana; '91, '92, Greeley. Cincinnati Con.: '92-'94, Blanchester; '95, '96, Monroe.
- MEEKER, JONATHAN M. Newark Con.: 1879, Raritan; '80, South Orange; '81-'83, Bound Brook; '84, '85, Cross Street (Patterson); '86-'88, Emory (Jersey City); '89-'92, Roseville (Newark); '93, '94, Hackettstown. Cincinnati Con.: '94-'96, St. Paul (Cincinnati), 545 West Seventh Street.
- MIDDLETON, HOMER C. Cincinnati Con.: 1863, '64, Aberdeen; '65, '66, Amelia; '67, Batavia; '68-'70, Georgetown; '71, '72, New Richmond; '73-'75, Loveland and Maineville; '76-'78, Goshen; '79-'81, Felicity; '82-'84, Amelia; '85, Cedarville; '86-'89, Tremont City; '90-'94, Yellow Springs; '95, Centerville; '96, Leesburg.
- MIDDLETON, JOHN H. Cincinnati Con.: 1856, West Union; '57, White Oak; '58, Williamsburg; '59, '60, Bowersville; '61, West Union; '62-'64, Lynchburg; '65-'67, Highland; '68-'70, New Lexington; '71, Laurel; '72, Georgetown; '73-'75, Clarksville; '76-'78, Lynchburg; '79, Bethel; '80, Goshen; '81, supernumerary; '82-'84, Rainsboro; '85, New Boston and Newtonville; '86, '87, New Moorefield; '88, Felicity; '89, '90, Sinking Spring; '91, '92, Hillsboro Circuit; '93-'96, superannuated. (P. O., Greenfield.)
- MILLER, ADAM. Ohio Con.: 1831, Nicholas, W. Va.; '32, Gallipolis; '33, Guyandotte, W. Va.; '34, Point Pleasant, W. Va.; '35, Greenville; '36, West Union; '37, Milford; '38, Madisonville; '39, '40, Superintendent German Missions, Baltimore; '45, '46, German Missions, Baltimore. New York Con.: '47, '48, German Missions, New York City. Ohio Con.: '48, Buckeye Street (Cincinnati); '49-'57, superannuated; '58-'83, located. Cincinnati Con.: '84-'96, superannuated. Chicago, Ill.
- MILLER, HENRY. Cincinnati Con.: 1870, Cumminsville; '71, '72, Finley (Cincinnati); '73-'75, Williamsburg; '76, '77, Georgetown; '78, Cumminsville; '79, Fair Haven and Sugar Valley; '80-'82, Mingo; '83, '84, Addison; '85, Troy Circuit; '86, Grace (Piqua); '87-'89, Lewisburg; '90-'92, Fairfield; '93, Tippecanoe; '94-'96, superannuated. (P. O., Delaware.)
- MITCHELL, FRANK G. Cincinnati Con.: 1867, '68, North Bend; '69, Catawba; '70-'72, Williamsburg; '73-'75, Greenfield; '76-'78, High Street (Springfield); '79, '80, Ripley; '81-'83, York Street (Cincinnati); '84, '85, First Church (Urbana); '86-'91, P. E. Springfield District; '92-'96, Greene Street (Piqua).
- MOORE, THOMAS D. Northwest Indiana Con.: 1887, Rose Lawn; '88, '89, Medaryville. North Dakota Con.: '89, '90, Grafton; '91, Maysville; '92, '93, Devil's Lake. Cincinnati Con.: '94-'96, Manchester.
- MORRIS, GEORGE K. New Jersey Con.: 1860, Jacobstown Circuit; '61, '62, Eatontown; '63, '64, Clarksboro; '65, '66, Woodstown; '67, '68, Central Church (Bridgeport); '69, Second Street (Millville); '70-'72, Broadway (Salem); '73, St. James (New Brunswick); '74-'76, Tabernacle Church (Camden); '77-'79, Mt. Holly; '80, Vineland; '81-'83, Green Street (Trenton). Philadelphia Con.: '84-'86, Tabernacle Church (Philadelphia); '87-'89, St. Paul (Philadelphia). Cincinnati Con.: '90-'93, St. Paul (Cincinnati); '94-'96, Professor Practical Theology, Boston School of Theology. (P. O., Malden, Mass.)
- MORRIS, GEORGE V. Cincinnati Con.: 1891-'93, Norwood; '94-'96, Batavia.
- MOLER, WILLIAM B. Cincinnati Con.: 1856, Addison; '57, Vienna; '58, Fletcher; '59, Mt. Auburn and Collins Chapel; '60, Mt. Auburn; '61, Waynesville; '62, '63, Wayne Street (Piqua); '64, '65, Oxford; '66-'68, Franklin; '69-'71, Lockland; '72, '73, Milford; '74, '75, South Charleston; '76, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '77-'79, Moscow; '80-'82, Williamsburg; '83-'85, Bethany; '86-'88, Monroe; '89, Harrison; '90-'96, supernumerary. (P. O., Springfield.)
- MUNSEY, CANARO D. Holtson Con.: 1879, '80, Taylorsville, Tenn.; '81, Second Church (Knoxville, Tenn.); '82-'84, Sevierville, Tenn. Cincinnati Con.: '85, King's Creek; '86, '87, New Paris; '88, '89, Dalton; '90-'92, Tremont City; '93-'95, Catawba; '96, Amelia. (P. O., Westville.)
- MYERS, CLIFFORD L. Cincinnati Con.: 1895, '96, Linwood.
- NEWTON, ABBOTT G. Cincinnati Con.: 1888, Centenary; '89, '90, Feesburg; '91, '92, Chilo; '93-'95, Decatur; '96, Bethel.
- NINDE, JOHN P. Cincinnati Con.: 1890-'93, Concord; '94-'96, Trinity (Dayton).
- OSWALD, B. F. Cincinnati Con.: 1892, Loveland; '93, Martinsville; '94-'96, Sinking Spring.
- PATTON, JOSEPH W. Cincinnati Con.: 1894-'96, Red Lion.

- PATTON, W. M. Cincinnati Con.: 1892, Cleves and Addyston; '93, '94, New Moorefield; '95, '96, Osborn.
- PAYNE, CHARLES H. New England Southern Con.: 1857, '58, Sandwich; Mass.; '59, '60, East Bridgewater, Mass.; '61, '62, Fall River, Mass.; '63, '64, Providence, R. I. New York East Con.: '65, '66, St. John's (Brooklyn). Philadelphia Con.: '68-'70, Arch Street (Philadelphia); '71-'73, Spring Garden Street (Philadelphia). Cincinnati Con.: '74, '75, St. Paul (Cincinnati); '76-'87, President Ohio Wesleyan University; '88-'96, Secretary of Board of Education. (P. O., 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.)
- PEALE, CHARLES C. Cincinnati Con.: 1895, Sugar Tree Ridge; '96, Bowersville.
- PEARNE, THOMAS H. Oneida Con.: 1839, Traxton and Madison, N. Y.; '40, '41, Marcellus, N. Y.; '42, Skaneateles, N. Y.; '43, Auburn, N. Y.; '44, Madison, N. Y.; '45, '46, Binghamton, N. Y.; '47, Wyoming, Pa.; '48, '49, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; '50, Owego, N. Y. Oregon Con.: '50-'53, P. E. Willamette District; '55, Agent Willamette University and editor Pacific Christian Advocate; '56-'64, editor Pacific Christian Advocate; '64, Agent Willamette University and delegate United States Christian Commission. Wyoming Con.: '65, Binghamton, N. Y. Holston Con.: '65-'68, P. E. Knoxville District; '69, Agent East Tennessee University; '70-'73, supernumerary. Cincinnati Con.: '74-'76, Grace (Dayton); '77, '78, Hillsboro; '79-'81, P. E. Dayton District; '82-'84, Grace (Urbana); '85-'87, Wesley (Cincinnati); '88, '89, Central (Springfield); '90-'92, First Church (Xenia); '93-'96, P. E. Hillsboro District.
- PEARSON, JOHN. Cincinnati Con.: 1865-'69, Cincinnati Ladies' Home Mission--('65-'67, Mears; '68, '69, Carr Street and Clark Street); '70, Union; '71, New Carlisle; '72, '73, Waynesville; '74-'76, St. Paris and Lena; '77, Port Union; '78-'80, Mt. Auburn; '81, '82, First Church (Urbana); '83-'86, P. E. Hillsboro District; '87, Central (Springfield); '88, Wesley (Cincinnati); '89-'93, P. E. Cincinnati District; '94, '95, Asbury (Cincinnati); '96, St. Paul (Dayton).
- PERRY, GEORGE T. Cincinnati Con.: 1890, Walker and Union; '91, Red Lion; '93, '94, Maineville; '95, '96, Belfast.
- PETERS, JOHN W. Cincinnati Con.: 1866, Georgetown; '67, Columbia and Pendleton; '68, '69, Mt. Auburn; '70-'72, Spring Grove. Oio Con.: '73-'75, Second Street (Zanesville); '76, Athens; '77-'79, Bigelow (Portsmouth); '80-'82, London; '83-'85, Washington C. H.; '86, Newark. Cincinnati Con.: '87-'89, Lockland and Wyoming; '90-'93, Avondale; '94-'96, Hamilton.
- POLLARD, SAMUEL G. Kentucky Con.: 1875, Vanceburg; '76, Shelbyville; '77, '78, Greenup; '79, '80, Somerset; '81-'83, Shinkle Chapel (Covington); '84, '85, Dayton; '86-'90, Bellevue. Cincinnati Con.: '91, Groesbeck; '92-'94, Columbia (Cincinnati); '95, '96, Fairmount (Cincinnati).
- PORTER, JAMES P. Cincinnati Con.: 1864, '65, West Union; '66, '67, New Lexington; '68, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '69, '70, Laurel; '71-'73, Manchester; '74, '75, Georgetown; '76-'78, Wilmington; '79, Centerville; '80-'82, Avondale; '83, '84, Greenfield; '85-'88, P. E. Ripley District; '89-'91, First Church (Urbana); '92-'95, Lebanon; '96, Oxford.
- PRENTISS, LYMAN E. Central Ohio Con.: 1873, '74, Pioneer; '75-'77, Liberty Center; '78, '79, Fayette; '80-'82, Celina; '83, Bowling Green; '84-'86, Fremont; '87, First Church (Findlay). Holston Con.: '88-'90, First Church (Knoxville, Tenn.); '91, '92, First Church (Chattanooga). Cincinnati Con.: '93-'96, Raper (Dayton).
- PRICE, IIA E. Cincinnati Con.: 1888, '89, South Lebanon; '90, '91, Decatur; '92-'94, Laurel; '95, '96, at school.
- PUMPHREY, JOHN S. Cincinnati Con.: 1863, Concord; '64, '65, Oldtown; '66-'68, Fairfield; '69, Bethany; '70, '71, Harrison; '72, '73, Cumminsville; '74-'76, Camden; '77-'79, Mingo and Tabor; '80-'82, Bethany; '83-'85, Lexington and New Vienna; '86, '87, Leesburg; '88-'92, Jamestown; '93, Trinity (Dayton); '94-'96, Miamisburg.
- QUARRY, WILLIAM J. Ohio Con.: 1845, Patriot; '46, Fairfield; '47, Lewisburg; '48, '49, Franklin and Middletown; '50, Race Street (Cincinnati); '51, Germantown. Cincinnati Con.: '52, Lockland; '53, '54, West Union; '55, '56, New Market; '57, '58, Greenfield; '59, New Lexington; '60, Miamisburg and Germantown; '61, '62, Catawba; '63, '64, Tremont; '65, '66, Bethany; '67, '68, Maineville; '69, '70, Moscow; '71-'73, Decatur; '74, '75, West Union; '76-'78, Felicity; '79-'83, supernumerary; '84-'96, superannuated. (P. O., Felicity.)
- RISHELL, CHARLES W. Cincinnati Con.: 1876, '77, Finley (Cincinnati); '78, '79, Winton Place and Camp Washington; '80-'82, Delhi; '83-'85, Avondale; '86-'88, First Church (Urbana); '89, '90, supernumerary; '91-'93, Asbury (Cincinnati); '94, Central (Springfield); '95, '96, Professor Historical Theology, Boston School of Theology. (P. O., Malden, Mass.)
- ROBJENT, THOMAS E. Cincinnati Con.: 1896, Grace Church (Dayton).
- ROBINSON, WILLIAM A. Cincinnati Con.: 1869, '70, Venice; '71-'73, Christie (Cincinnati); '74-'76, Raper (Dayton); '77-'79, Central (Springfield). North Ohio Con.: '80-'82, Franklin Avenue (Cleveland). Pittsburg Con.: '83-'85, North Avenue (Allegheny, Pa.). North Ohio Con.: '86-'88, Franklin Avenue (Cleveland). Kentucky Con.: '89-'92, Union Church (Covington). Cincinnati Con.: '93-'96, Grace (Dayton).

- ROYAL, STANLEY O. Cincinnati Con.: 1877, '78, Grace (Piqua); '79-'81, Finley (Cincinnati); '82-'84, Hartwell; '85-'87, Raper (Dayton); '88-'91, Grace (Urbana); '92, '93, Middletown; '94, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati); '95, '96, Troy.
- ROUGHTON, GERVAISE. Cincinnati Con.: 1890-'94, Finley (Cincinnati); '95, Pearl Street and Riverside (Cincinnati); '96, Riverside (Cincinnati).
- RUGGLES, JAMES S. Kentucky Con.: 1875, Owensboro, Ky.; '76, '77, German-town, Ky.; '78-'80, Mt. Olivet, Ky.; '80, Harrison and Nicholas, Ky.; '81, Greenup, Ky. Southeast Indiana Con.: '82, Jonesville, Ind.; '83, Castleton, Ind.; '84, '85, located. Cincinnati Con.: '86, '87, Mt. Orab and Sardinia; '88, Olive Branch; '89, Bethel; '90, Aberdeen; '91-'93, supernumerary; '94, South Lebanon; '95, Rainsboro; '96, Martinsville.
- RUNYAN, WILLIAM. Cincinnati Con.: 1883, '64, Laurel; '65, '66, Williamsburg; '67, '68, Goshen; '69, '70, Milford; '71-'73, Wilmington; '74, Lebanon; '75, St. John (Cincinnati); '76, '77, Christie (Cincinnati); '78-'81, P. E. West Cincinnati District; '82-'84, First Church (Xenia); '85, Troy; '86, Central (Springfield); '87-'92, P. E. Hillsboro District, Hillsboro, O.; '93, Jamestown; '94-'96, Middle-town.
- RUST, RICHARD H. New York East Con.: 1868-'70, Nostrand Avenue (Brooklyn); '71, '72, Sag Harbor; '73-'75, New Britain, Conn.; '76, Greenwich, Conn. South New England Con.: '77-'79, St. Paul's (Fall River, Mass.) Cincinnati Con.: '80, '81, President Cincinnati Wesleyan College; '82-'84, Grace (Dayton); '85-'89, High Street (Springfield). Detroit Con.: '90, Ann Arbor. Cincinnati Con.: '91, supernumerary; '92, President Wesleyan College, Cincinnati; '93, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati); '94-'96, P. E. Cincinnati District. (P. O., Avondale.)
- RUST, RICHARD S. New England Con.: 1844, Springfield, Mass.; '45, Worcester, Mass. New Hampshire Con.: '46-'49, Principal New Hampshire Conference Seminary and State School Commissioner of New Hampshire; '50, '51, Portsmouth, N. H.; '52, '53, Great Falls, N. H.; '54, '55, Lawrence, Mass.; '56, Manchester, N. H.; '57, Haverhill, Mass. Cincinnati Con.: '58-'61, President Wilberforce University (Xenia); '62, Morris Chapel (Cincinnati); '63-'65, President Wesleyan Female College (Cincinnati); '66, '67, Field Super-intendent Freedmen's Aid Society; '68-'87, Corresponding Secretary Freed-men's Aid Society; '88-'96, Honorary Secretary Freedmen's Aid Society.
- SCHENK, C. E. Cincinnati Con.: 1892, left without appointment to attend school; '93, '94, Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge; '95, '96, Clifton (Cincinnati).
- SELLERS, OWEN M. Cincinnati Con.: 1887, '88, King's Creek; '89-'91, New Moorefield; '92-'95, Leesburg; '96, Troy Circuit.
- SENTMAN, JACOB E. H. Cincinnati Con.: 1875, '76, Miami; '77, '78, Camden; '79-'81, Fairmount; '82-'84, St. Paris and Lena; '85-'87, New Richmond; '88, Georgetown; '89, '90, Miamisburg; '91-'93, Union; '94, Belfast; '95, Lexington; '96, Highland.
- SHANNON, WILLIAM O. Cincinnati Con.: 1851, Sinking Spring; '52, '53, High-land; '54, Aberdeen; '55, Lynchburg; '56, supernumerary; '57, '58, New Market; '59, '60, Amelia; '61, Felicity; '62, '63, Moscow; '64, '65, Miami; '66, Milford; '67, '68, Madisonville; '69, Mainville; '70, '71, Goshen; '72-'74, Bethany; '75, Grace (Piqua); '76-'78, Red Lion and Springboro; '79-'81, Cedarville; '82-'84, North Lewisburg; '85-'96, supernumerary. (P. O., Xenia.)
- SHANOR, GEORGE B. Cincinnati Con.: 1894, Martinsville; '95, '96, at school.
- SHIVELY, JACOB L. Cincinnati Con.: 1884-'86, Walker and Union; '87, '88, Carthage and Bond Hill; '89, '90, Carthage and Elmwood; '91, Middletown; '92-'96, Eaton.
- SHULTZ, J. McKENDREE. Ohio Con.: 1860, Wheelersburg; '61, Burlington; '62, Wheelersburg; '63, Pomeroy; '64, Dunbarton; '65-'67, Piqua; '68, '69, South Bloomfield. Cincinnati Con.: '70, Butlerville; '71, Sharon and West Chester; '72-'74, New Lexington; '75, Lewisburg; '76-'78, Centerville; '79, '80, New Carlisle; '81-'83, Red Lion and Springboro; '84, '85, Leesburg; '86-'88, Sabina; '89, '90, South Charleston; '91, Arcanum; '92, Lynchburg; '93-'95, Gordon; '96, Springboro.
- SHULTZ, JAMES P. Cincinnati Con.: 1857, New Street (Cincinnati); '58, Trem-mont; '59, Addison; '60, Moscow; '61, Hamersville; '62, '63, Highland; '64, Chaplain 175th O. V. I.; '65, '66, Lynchburg; '67, Harrison; '68, '69, Franklin Street (Troy) and Casstown; '70-'72, Miamisburg; '73, '74, Union; '75, Yellow Springs; '76, Milford; '77-'79, Jamestown; '80-'82, Monroe; '83, '84, Grace (Piqua); '85-'87, St. Paul's (Dayton); '88, '89, Eaton; '90-'92, Batavia; '93, '94, New Carlisle; '95, '96, Clifton Avenue (Springfield).
- SMITH, RANDOLPH E. Cincinnati Con.: 1866, Hamersville; '67, Laurel; '68, '69, Marathon; '70-'72, Bethel; '73, '74, Rainsboro; '75, '76, Mt. Washington; '77-'79, New Lexington; '80-'82, Greene Street (Piqua); '83-'85, Franklin; '85, '86, Helena. Montana (Missionary in Montana). Montana Con.: '87, P. E. Helena District; '88, President and Agent Montana Wesleyan University. Cincinnati Con.: '89, '90, Manchester; '91, supernumerary; '92-'94, Milford; '95, Christie (Cincinnati); '96, Field Secretary Anti-saloon League.
- SMITH, SAMUEL B. Michigan Wesleyan Methodist Con.: 1846, '47, Grand Rapids; '49, '50, Bridgewater; '51, Plymouth; '52, Kalamazoo; '53, Detroit; '54,

- College Agency; '55-'58, Grand Rapids; '59-'62, Cold Water. Miami Wesleyan Methodist Con.: '63-'66, Troy. Cincinnati Con.: 1867, Franklin Street (Troy); '68, York Street (Cincinnati); '69-'71, Franklin; '72-'74, Lockland; '75, High Street (Springfield); '76, '77, Harrison; '78-'80, South Charleston; '81-'84, P. E. Ripley District; '85-'87, Amelia; '88, Boston and Newtonville; '89-'91, Georgetown; '92-'96, supernumerary. Grand Rapids, Mich.
- SMITH, GEORGE H. Cincinnati Con.: 1892-'93, left without appointment to attend school; '94, Concord.
- SPAHR, ALBERT N. Cincinnati Con.: 1855, New Burlington; '56, New Carlisle; '57, Fairfield; '58, New Burlington; '59, '60, New Lexington; '61, '62, Sinking Spring; '63-'65, Batavia; '66, '67, Amelia; '68, '69, Felicity; '70-'72, Wesley (Cincinnati); '73-'75, York Street (Cincinnati); '76-'78, Grace (Urbana); '79, Oxford; '80, '81, Eaton; '82-'85, P. E. Springfield District; '86-'90, Trinity (Xenia); '91-'94, Greenville; '95, '96, Wilmington.
- SPENCE, WILLIAM L. Cincinnati Con.: 1896, Christiansburg.
- SPURRIER, WILLIAM L. Cincinnati Con.: 1890-'92, South Lebanon; '93, Sinking Spring; '94, '95, Montgomery; '96, Summerside.
- SPYBEY, WILLIAM H. Kentucky Con.: 1888, '89, Shelbyville; '90-'92, at school; '93, Bowling Green; '94, Bellevue. Cincinnati Con.: '95, St. John's; '96, St. John's and Pearl St.
- STAFFORD, W. E. Cincinnati Con.: 1892-'94, Owensville and Newtonville; '95, Mutual; '96, Camp Washington (Cincinnati).
- STARR, DAVID J. North Indiana Con.: 1856, Warren, Ind.; '57, Albany. Cincinnati Con.: '58, Camden; '59, Lewisburg; '60, Raper (Cincinnati); '61, Raper and Fairmount; '62, Port Union; '63, Mission (Cincinnati); '64, '65, Wayne Street (Piqua); '66, '67, Lebanon; '68, '69, Middletown; '70-'72, Hamilton; '73, '74, Trinity (Xenia); '75-'77, Lockland; '78-'80, York Street (Cincinnati); '81, '82, Hillsboro; '83-'85, P. E. East Cincinnati District; '86, P. E. Hamilton District; '87, '88, supernumerary; '89, Agent of Conference Tract Society; '90, superannuate; '91-'93, Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '94, Miami; '95, Finley (Cincinnati); '96, Pendleton (Cincinnati).
- STEPHAN, SAMUEL A. Cincinnati Con.: 1895, '96, Butlerville.
- STEPHENSON, JAMES. Cincinnati Con.: 1860, Bowersville; '61, '62, Centenary; '63, Amelia; '64-'66, Walnut Hills; '67-'69, Avondale; '70-'72, First Church (Urbana); '73, '74, Greene Street (Piqua); '75-'78, P. E. Dayton District; '79, Grace (Piqua); '80, Red Lion and Springboro; '81-'83, New Carlisle; '84-'86, Wilmington; '87, '88, Mechanicsburg; '89, '90, Fairmount (Cincinnati); '91-'93, Port Union; '94, '95, Loveland; '96, Jamestown.
- STORY, JOHN A. Cincinnati Con.: 1877, Miami Circuit; '78-'80, Mt. Washington; '81-'83, Mt. Auburn; '84-'86, Lockland-Wyoming; '87-'91, Madisonville. Pittsburgh Con.: '92-'94, North Avenue (Allegheny, Pa.). Cincinnati Con.: 1895-'96, High Street (Springfield).
- SUTHERLAND, WILLIAM H. Ohio Con.: 1843, Winchester; '44, Charleston, W. Va.; '45, West Union; '46, Hillsboro; '47, Athens; '48, Harmar; '49, Lancaster; '50, Main Street (Chillicothe); '51, Asbury (Cincinnati). Cincinnati Con.: '52, '53, Wesley (Dayton); '54, Lebanon; '55, High Street (Springfield); '56, '57, Christie (Cincinnati); '58, '59, Trinity (Cincinnati); '60, '61, First Church (Xenia); '62-'63, Lockland; '64-'66, P. E. Dayton District; '67-'69, Greene Street (Piqua); '70-'72, Ripley; '73, '74, First Church (Urbana); '75, '76, Middletown, Ohio Con.: '77, Sixth Street (Portsmouth). Cincinnati Con.: '78-'80, Batavia; '81, '82, Yellow Springs; '83, '84, Monroe; '85-'87, Felicity; '88-'92, Williamsburg; '93, '94, Fairmount (Cincinnati); '95, '96, superannuated.
- SWADENER, MADISON. North Indiana Con.: 1880-'81, Palestine; '82, '83, Andrews; '84, '85, North Manchester; '86-'89, First Church (Marion); '90-'92, supernumerary, engaged in especial evangelistic work; '92-'96, Superintendent Cincinnati Church Extension Missions. (Cincinnati.)
- TAGGART, JOSEPH I. Cincinnati Con.: 1875-'77, Clarksville; '78, '79, Leesburg; '80, supernumerary; '81-'96, superannuated. (P. O., Rainsboro.)
- TIMMONS, STEPHEN B. Cincinnati Con.: 1853, '96, Miami.
- TRAVIS, GILBERT L. Cincinnati Con.: 1875, Winchester and Germantown; '76, Concord; '77, Mt. Washington; '78-'80, Miami; '81-'83, New Burlington; '84, Maineville; '85, '86, Concord; '87, Covington; '88, '89, Troy Circuit; '90, Centerville; '91, '92, supernumerary; '93, '94, Lewisburg; '95, '96, Camden.
- TROUT, PHILIP. Cincinnati Con.: 1889, '90, Clarksville; '91-'95, New Burlington; '96, Centerville.
- TUFTS, GEORGE LEWIS. Cincinnati Con.: 1884, Pleasant Ridge; '85, '86, Montgomery; '87, '88, Grace (Springfield); '89-'91, Cedarville; '92, Camp Washington (Cincinnati); '93, '94, Harrison; '95, '96, York Street (Cincinnati).
- TURRELL, A. C. Cincinnati Con.: 1891, '92, Grace (Springfield); '93-'96, Price Hill (Cincinnati).
- VANCE, DAVID C. Cincinnati Con.: 1864, King's Creek; '65, Catawba; '66, New Carlisle; '67, '68, Blanchard (Cincinnati); '69, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '70-'72, Madisonville; '73-'75, Oxford; '76, '77, York Street (Cincinnati); '78-'80, Lockland; '81-'83, Lebanon; '84, '85, Milford; '86-'90, Middletown; '91-'93, Trinity (Xenia); '94, '95, Jamestown; '96, South Charleston.

- VANCE, FRANK E. Kentucky Con.: 1885-'88, Shelbyville; '89, Pineville. Cincinnati Con.: '90, King's Creek; '91, New Richmond; '92-'96, Cedarville.
- VANCE, JOHN. Cincinnati Con.: 1854, Vienna; '55, North Lewisburg; '56, Fletcher; '57, King's Creek and Mechanicsburg; '58, Vienna; '59, '60, New Paris; '61, '62, New Burlington; '63-'65, Jamestown; '66, '67, Union; '68-'70, New Carlisle; '71, Lynchburg; '72-'74, Catawba; '75, Laurel; '76-'78, Olive Branch; '79-'81, Amelia; '82-'84, Felicity; '85-'89, Mutual; '90-'96, superannuated.
- VAN PELT, CYRUS M. Cincinnati Con.: 1890-'93, Morrow; '94-'96, Trinity (Xenia).
- VAUGHAN, JOHN G. Louisiana Con.: 1852-'84, Ames (New Orleans, La.) Cincinnati Con.: '84-'86, Red Lion and Springboro; '87, Yellow Springs; '88-'92, St. Paul (Dayton); '93-'96, Grace (Urbana).
- VERITY, JONATHAN. Cincinnati Con.: 1860, Addison; '61, Lewisburg; '62, '63, Fletcher; '64, '65, North Lewisburg; '66, Vienna; '67, Addison; '68-'70, Jamestown; '71, '72, Union; '73, '74, Columbia and Pendleton; '75, Fairmount; '76-'78, supernumerary; '79, Conference missionary; '80-'82, Georgetown; '83, '84, McKendree (Cincinnati); '85, Monroe; '86-'89, supernumerary; '90, St. John (Cincinnati); '91-'93, Trinity (Dayton); '94, Cleves; '95, '96, supernumerary.
- VORHIS, G. W. Cincinnati Con.: 1891, New Madison; '92, Gordon; '93-'95, West Carrollton; '96, Glendale and Sharonville.
- WALTER, THOMAS P. Kentucky Con.: 1887, Louisville. Indiana Con.: '88, Petersburg; '89, '90, Evansville; '90, '91, Indianapolis. Cincinnati Con.: '92, New Carlisle; '93, Montgomery; '94, '95, Aberdeen; '96, Peebles.
- WARNER, WILBUR G. Cincinnati Con.: 1883, '84, Cheviot; '85, Camden; '86, '87, Seven Mile; '88, '89, New Richmond; '90, '91, supernumerary; '92, Riverside; '93, Grace (Springfield); '94, '95, Morrow; '96, Mason.
- WASHBURN, D. W. C. Cincinnati Con.: 1888, Covington; '89, Cleves; '90, '91, Columbia (Cincinnati); '92, '93, Ivanhoe; '94, '95, Peebles; '96, Pleasant Ridge and Montgomery.
- WEAKLEY, HENRY C. Cincinnati Con.: 1877, Catawba; '78-'80, McLean (Cincinnati); '81, Hartwell; '82-'84, Tippecanoe City; '85-'88, Fairmount (Cincinnati); '89-'90, Financial Secretary of Deaconess Home and Superintendent of Christ's Hospital; '91-'96, Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association (Cincinnati).
- WEEKS, SYLVESTER. Cincinnati Con.: 1858, Concord; '59, North Bend; '60, Lewisburg; '61, Red Lion; '62, '63, Winchester; '64, Manchester; '65-'67, Greenfield; '68, Wilmington; '69, Madisonville; '70-'72, Felicity; '73-'75, Ripley; '76-'78, Wesley (Cincinnati); '79, Franklin; '80-'82, Trinity (Xenia); '83-'85, Miamisburg; '86-'88, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati); '89, Batavia; '90, '91, Delhi; '92-'94, Winton Place; '95, '96, supernumerary.
- WEHRLEY, W. H. Cincinnati Con.: 1891, '92, Springboro; '93-'95, Grace (Piqua); '96, Hartwell.
- WELLS, CHARLES J. Cincinnati Con.: 1871, Decatur; '72, Lewisburg; '73, Addison; '74, '75, Lockington; '76, Marathon; '77, '78, West Union; '79, '80, East Liberty; '81, '82, Sabina and Bowersville; '83, '84, Sinking Spring; '85-'87, Rainsboro; '88, Martinsville; '89-'91, Owensville and Newtonville; '92, '93, Summerside; '94, '95, Mt. Orab; '96, supernumerary.
- WELLS, EDWARD T. Cincinnati Con.: 1867, East Pearl Street (Cincinnati); '68-'70, Wayne Street (Piqua); '71, '72, Mechanicsburg; '73, Madisonville; '74-'76, Central (Springfield); '77-'79, Raper (Dayton); '80, '81, First Church (Xenia); '82-'84, Troy; '85-'87, Grace (Urbana); '88-'91, Greene Street (Piqua); '92-'96, P. E. Dayton District. (P. O., Dayton.)
- WEST, WILLIAM M. Baltimore Con.: 1871, Buckeye Town, Md.; '72, '73, Pleasant Grove, Md.; '74, Elk Ridge, Md.; '75, Forrestville, Md. West Virginia Con.: '76, Wesley (Wheeling, W. Va.); '77, Marshall, W. Va.; '78, '79, Evansville, W. Va.; '80, '81, Prunty Town, W. Va.; '82, Buckhannon, W. Va.; '83, '84, Buckhannon, W. Va. Cincinnati Con.: '85, Fair Haven; '86, Lewisburg; '87, '88, Feesburg; '89, West Union; '90, Troy Circuit; '91, Brandt; '92-'94, New Paris and Fort Jefferson; '96, Venice.
- WHITE, JOHN A. Cincinnati Con.: 1877, Walker and Union; '78, Finley (Cincinnati); '79, '80, Carthage and Pleasant Ridge; '81-'83, North Hampton; '84, Mt. Washington and Red Bank; '85, '86, Columbia; '87-'91, Catawba; '92-'94, Monroe; '96, Tremont City.
- WHITNEY, JAMES S. Cincinnati Con.: 1870, Batavia; '71, '72, Moscow; '73, '74, New Richmond; '75, Finley (Cincinnati); '76, Port Union; '77-'79, Bethany; '80-'82, McKendree (Cincinnati); '83, '84, Aberdeen; '85-'88, Manchester; '89-'91, Felicity; '92-'94, New Richmond; '96, Maineville.
- WIANT, W. A. Cincinnati Con.: 1892-'96, Daltan.
- WILLIAMS, THOMAS G. Cincinnati Con.: 1888, Concord; '89, '90, Christiansburg; '91, King's Creek; '92-'95, Feesburg; '96, Decatur.
- WILSON, JOHN. Cincinnati Con.: 1870, North Bend; '71, Cummins ville; '72, '73, Seven Mile; '74, Venice; '75, Harrison; '76, New Paris; '77, '78, Groesbeck; '79, '80, Winchester; '81-'83, Leesburg; '84, '85, Camp Dennison; '86, '87,

Bowersville; '88, Winchester; '89-'91, Moscow; '92, Pendleton; '93-'96, Lynchburg.

WINKLER, J. A. Cincinnati Con.: 1891, Venice; '92, Montgomery; '93, Belfast; '94, '95, Bowersville; '96, Mt. Orab.

WONES, CREIGHTON. Cincinnati Con.: 1882-'84, South Charleston Circuit; '85, Price Hill; '86-'88, Harrison; '89-'91, Monroe; '92-'96, Cumminsville.

WONES, TIMOTHY. Ohio Con.: 1848, Jamestown; '49, Lockington; '50, Fairfield; '51, Augusta, Ky.; '52, Dunbarton; '53, '54, Gallipolis Circuit; '55, '56, Jackson Circuit; '57, located. Readmitted to Cincinnati Con.: '85-'88, supernumerary; '89-'96, superannuated. (P. O., Springfield.)

WYCKOFF, R. J. Cincinnati Con.: 1892-'95, left without appointment to attend school; '96, Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati).

YOUNG, LA FAYETTE. Cincinnati Con.: 1871, Sardinia; '72, Addison; '73, Lockington; '74, New Lexington; '75, '76, Sinking Spring; '77-'79, New Paris; '80-'82, Lockington; '83, '84, Trinity (Dayton); '85-'87, Franklin; '88, '89, Yellow Springs; '90, Trinity (Dayton); '91, St. John (Cincinnati); '92, '93, Delhi; '94, supernumerary; '96, superannuated.

ZINK, MILTON P. Ohio Con.: 1849, Aberdeen; '50, '51, Georgetown. Cincinnati Con.: '52, Batavia; '53, Clinton Street (Cincinnati); '54, '55, Winchester; '56, Clarksville; '57, '58, Aberdeen; '59, '60, Williamsburg; '61, '62, Hamersville; '63, Amelia; '64, '65, New Lexington; '66, '67, Sinking Spring; '68, New Market; '69, '70, Winchester; '71, '72, Clarksville; '73, '74, Batavia; '75, Cedarville; '76, Lewisburg; '77, '78, Addison; '79, Sinking Spring; '80, '81, Lynchburg; '82, '83, Bethel; '84, Bethel and Laurel; '85, Rantam; '86, Chilo; '87, Maineville; '88, Hillsboro Circuit; '89-'96, superannuated. (P. O., Hillsboro.)

IV. Reports.

A. STATISTICS.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS' REPORT.

QUESTION 27—*What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?*

ANSWER. \$11,483 00

QUESTION 28—*What has been Received on the Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER—From Conference Trustees, \$480 00
 From Mears Fund, 143 17
 From Book Concern, 1,776 00
 From the charges, 5,385 00
 From Mrs. Mary Dustin, 71 02
 From balance in hand, 119 66
 From Chartered Fund, 22 00
 From overdraft, 16 84

Total, \$8,013 69

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards.	Amount paid.	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
MINISTERS				
Rev. R. A. Arthur, . . .	By mail,	\$50 00	\$34 75	Addison, W. Va.
Rev. Silas Ben ett, . . .	Rev. E. Burdsall, . . .	200 00	139 00	Bellefontaine, O.
Rev. J. G. Black, . . .	Self,	300 00	208 50	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. J. W. Cassatt, . . .	Rev. C. L. Conger, . . .	400 00	278 00	Greenville, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar, . . .	Rev. U. G. Humphrey, . . .	200 00	139 00	Winchester, O.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston, . . .	Self,	275 00	191 13	Winchester, O.
Rev. G. W. Fee, . . .	Rev E. Burdsall, . . .	350 00	243 25	Mt. Orab, O.
Rev. W. I. Fee, . . .	Self,	350 00	243 25	Piqua, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler, . . .	Rev. J. G. V.,	225 00	156 38	Urbana, O.
Rev. J. L. Gregg, . . .	Rev. B. Burdsall, . . .	175 00	121 63	Manhattan, Kan.
Rev. A. M. Griffith, . . .	Self,	200 00	139 00	Sabina, O.
Rev. Wm. Herr, . . .	Rev Wm. A. Robinson, . . .	400 00	278 00	Dayton, O.
Rev. J. W. Hickman, . . .	By mail,	250 00	173 75	Pursley, W. Va.
Rev. J. F. Hull, . . .	By mail,	200 00	139 00	Rowland, Ala.
Rev. F. W. Hypes, . . .	Rev. J. R. Hunter, . . .	100 00	69 50	Owensville, O.
Rev. E. P. James, . . .	Self,	225 00	156 38	Delaware, O.
Rev. M. Kauffman, . . .	Self,	125 00	86 88	Springfield, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck, . . .	Self,	250 00	173 75	Hamilton, O.
Rev. J. F. Loyd, . . .	Self,	400 00	278 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. S. N. Marsh, . . .	Thom. Collett,	275 00	191 13	Fresno, Cal.
Rev. J. H. Middleton, . . .	Rev. J. E. H. Sentman, . . .	300 00	208 50	Greenfield, O.
Rev. Adam Miller, . . .	Self,	200 00	139 00	172 Ashland Bou., Chicago
Rev. Henry Miller, . . .	Mrs. Henry Miller, . . .	350 00	243 25	Delaware, O.
Rev. W. T. McMullen, . . .	Rev. J. R. Hunter, . . .	100 00	69 50	Owensville, O.
Rev. W. J. Quarry, . . .	Rev. E. Burdsall, . . .	250 00	173 75	Felicity, O.

Conference Stewards' Report.

69

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards.	Amount paid.	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
Rev. W. H. Sutherland, .	Self,	\$375 00	\$260 63	Wyoming, O.
Rev. J. I. Taggart, . . .	Rev. J. S. Ruggles, . .	100 00	69 50	Rainsboro, O.
Rev. John Vance,	Rev. F. E. Vance, . . .	150 00	104 25	Urbana, O.
Rev. Timothy Wones, . .	Rev. V. F. Brown, . . .	100 00	69 50	Springfield, O.
Rev. L. F. Young,	By mail,	200 00	139 00	Mt. Orab, O.
Funeral expenses for) E. C. Smith (Rev.), )	. . . . . Net	50 00	50 00	
		\$7125 00	\$4967 16	
WIDOWS.				
Mrs. M. G. Baker,	C. M. Van Pelt,	150 00	104 25	Xenia, O.
Mrs. A. U. Beall,	Self,	75 00	52 13	Monroe, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop,	By mail,	100 00	69 50	Franklin, Ky.
Mrs. W. M. Boyer,	T. G. Moore,	75 00	52 13	Manchester, O.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster, . . .	V. F. Brown,	75 00	52 13	Springfield, O.
Mrs. D. Callahan,	M. Fuller,	200 00	139 00	Georgetown, O.
Mrs. H. M. Currey,	Dr. Henderson,	200 00	139 00	Delaware, O.
Mrs. W. H. Fyffe,	Geo. V. Morris,	200 00	139 00	Batavia, O.
Mrs. Jessie Hall,	Dr. Meeker,	150 00	104 25	Point Pleasant, O.
Mrs. J. J. Hill,	F. M. Clemans,	200 00	139 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines,	Rev. G. M. Fulton, . .	200 00	139 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. J. N. Irvin,	By mail,	150 00	104 25	1557 Highland, Columbus.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy, . . .	Thos. Collett,	250 00	173 75	Delaware, O.
Mrs. C. W. Ketcham, . . .	M. E. Ketcham,	75 00	52 13	Delaware, O.
Mrs. Eli Kirk,	J. G. Black,	150 00	104 25	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. N. McDonald,	V. F. Brown,	200 00	139 00	Springfield, O. [D. C.
Mrs. Wm. Morrow,	Thos. Collett,	150 00	104 25	507 Maple, Washington,
Mrs. James Murray,	By mail,	150 00	104 25	Mechanicsburg, O.
Mrs. A. Musgrove,	J. G. Black,	175 00	121 63	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson, . . .	J. G. Black,	200 00	139 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. I. C. Page,	By mail,	200 00	139 00	Mechanicsburg, O.
Mrs. E. C. Smith,	W. J. Dunham,	200 00	139 00	Cleves, O.
Mrs. John Shinn,	By mail,	150 00	104 25	Marysville, O.
Mrs. D. H. Sargent,	Clifford Myers,	100 00	69 50	Liuwood, Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. J. W. Stone,	By mail,	50 00	34 75	Waverly, Iowa.
Mrs. A. W. Tibbitts,	D. C. Vance,	200 00	139 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. L. F. Van Cleve, . . .	S. O. Royal,	75 00	52 13	Troy, O.
Mrs. E. G. West,	Frank Mitchell,	200 00	139 00	Urbana, O.
Funeral expenses of Mrs. J. W. Fowble,	E. Burdsall, Net	50 00	50 00	
Publishing Minutes (net),		5 00	5 00	
Printing and stationery (net),		3 00	3 00	
		\$435 00	\$3046 53	

Total disbursements, \$5013 69

E. BURDSALL, <i>Chairman.</i>	M. E. KETCHAM,	J. L. SHIVELY.
M. LESOURD, <i>Secretary.</i>	P. C. CURNICK,	J. F. MCCOLM.
T. COLLETT, <i>Treasurer.</i>	A. D. MADDOX,	C. M. VAN PELT.
J. E. H. SENTMAN,		

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER.

AS SHOWN in the following table, giving the amounts paid to the various causes, the benevolent collections aggregated \$60,590.35. Of this amount \$35,860 were vouchers, and \$24,730.35 cash. The detailed reports from the charges, given in the statistical tables, pages 83-89, have been compared with the Treasurer's receipts, as required by the Discipline, Art. 82, § 7, and are correct. The cash receipts have been distributed as follows:

To Curts & Jennings,	\$19,414 00
To Conference Stewards,	4,649 00
To J. W. Bashford, for Ohio Wesleyan University,	208 00
To H. C. Weakley, for Christ's Hospital,	360 00
To M. Swadener, for Cincinnati Church Extension,	26 00
To F. G. Mitchell, for American University,	32 00
To A. B. Leonard, for Missions,	25 00
To W. A. Spencer, for Church Extension,	5 00
To Publishing Committee (fract. doll.),	11 35

Total, \$24,730 35

The vouchers for these various amounts can be seen in the hands of the Treasurer.

C. W. ELLIOTT, *Conference Treasurer.*

Piqua, O., September 8, 1896.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR 1896.

	CASH.	VOUCHER.	GRAND TOTAL.
For Missions,	\$14,304	\$6,078	\$20,382
For Sunday-school Union,	228	135	363
For Tract Cause,	216	137	353
For Church Extension,	1,219	779	1,998
For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educ. Soc.,	1,384	951	2,335
For Education: Children's,	524	677	1,201
Other Causes,	208	311	519
For American Bible Society,	162	412	574
For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	25	7,100	7,125
For Woman's Home Missionary Society,	44	6,377	6,421
For Episcopal Fund,	1,260	166	1,426
For Conference Claimants,	4,649	736	5,385
For General Conference Expenses,	55	408	463
For Other Collections, . . . . .	.....	8,087	8,087
For Cincinnati Church Extension Society,	26	.....	26
For American University,	32	.....	32
For Deaconess Work,	360	3,456	3,816
Total,	\$24,696	\$35,810	\$60,506
Contribution from W. H. Black for Missions,			25
Contribution by a friend for Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc.,			50
Grand Total,			\$60,581

J. H. McNARY, Monroe, Ohio.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY,

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.									
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Prfrs.	Deaths.	Children Bapt.	Adults Bapt.	Schools.	Offrs & T brs.	Scholarship of all ages.	Churches.	Probable Val.	Parsonages.	Probable Val.	Pd for build & improv. Ch. & Parsonages.	Pd on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Pd on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.	
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																		
Avondale.....	4	145	1	...	3	5	1	20	156	1	\$20,000	1	\$11,000	\$7,075	...	\$2,750	...	
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge	3	148	...	...	...	...	...	31	170	2	2,000	...	...	25	\$105	500	...
Carriage and Elmwood Place.	4	230	...	...	...	...	...	2	35	3	9,500	...	...	369	...	...	...
Chelviot.....	2	146	...	...	...	...	...	1	28	1	3,000	1	3,000	...	...	...	...
Cincinnati: Asbury.....	11	194	1	4	3	1	1	25	200	1	10,000	1	2,500	100	...	...	...
Camp Washington.....	5	90	...	...	...	...	...	19	175	1	5,000	...	...	25	...	...	...
Christie.....	224	290	2	3	14	9	1	24	222	1	20,000	1	7,000	100	...	125	...	
Columbia.....	13	311	3	3	10	8	1	35	399	1	10,000	1	4,000	1,280	650	3,575	...	
Cumminsville.....	29	328	1	5	6	1	1	30	300	1	35,000	...	...	...	3,000	14,000	...
Fairmount.....	16	198	...	...	12	15	1	35	300	1	3,000	1	3,500	...	...	...	...
Finley.....	25	170	1	5	13	10	1	20	100	1	10,000	...	...	2,500	...	...	...
McKendree.....	41	391	...	...	31	11	1	35	300	1	16,000	...	...	1,150	...	...	...
Mount Auburn.....	4	115	1	1	1	1	1	14	100	1	30,000	...	...	38	391	3,312	...
Mount Lookout.....	10	205	1	2	3	8	1	22	150	1	5,700	1	3,300	559	...	458	...	
Pendleton.....	14	204	1	2	14	10	1	21	168	1	12,000	...	...	263	...	...	...
Price Hill.....	31	136	1	2	14	4	1	20	160	1	14,000	...	...	300	...	...	...
Pearl Street and Riverside	12	250	...	...	26	6	2	32	200	2	14,000	1	4,000	1,800	400	1,600	...
St. John.....	12	112	...	...	8	4	1	27	175	1	85,000	1	15,000	...	...	...	...
St. Paul.....	11	365	3	3	10	2	1	25	425	1	75,000	...	...	...	...	...	...
Trinity.....	10	362	2	8	6	7	1	85	300	1	60,000	1	15,000	100	...	...	...
Walnut Hills.....	41	578	3	9	10	5	1	71	469	1	80,000	1	10,000	335	...	...	...
Wesley.....	89	400	4	6	23	13	1	73	225	1	10,000	...	...	324	...	...	...
York Street.....	18	229	...	...	7	2	2	32	300	2	8,000	...	...	20	27	773	...
Cleves.....	406	191	...	...	...	...	...	12	40	1	35,000	...	...	...	...	6,700	...
Clifton.....	4	9	1	1	3	...	...	12	40	1	35,000	...	...	...	...	...	...
Delhi.....	9	124	...	...	6	9	1	20	140	1	4,000	...	...	12	...	...	...
Groesbeck.....	...	144	1	5	...	...	...	2	28	2	4,500	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hartwell.....	...	258	1	3	10	8	2	26	275	2	15,000	1	3,200	400	200	800	...	
Harrison.....	7	160	...	...	5	1	1	16	128	1	10,000	1	2,000	201	235	585	...
Lockland-Wyoming	15	272	1	3	6	4	1	21	160	1	35,000	1	6,000	...	...	...	...
Lockland and Branch Hill	...	135	...	...	...	...	...	2	26	160	2	3,000	...	...	...	...	...
Loveland and Branch Hill	...	133	...	...	...	...	...	1	28	225	1	20,000	1	3,500	...	2,500	...
Madisonville.....	15	388	2	1	21	4	1	5	63	225	5	5,500	...	...	...	...	...
Miami.....	6	230	...	...	2	10	1	5	66	433	5	10,000	1	2,500	...	500	600
Newtown.....	10	430	...	...	3	2	13	1	23	160	1	5,000	...	...	200	...	...
Norwood: First Church.....	5	179	1	1	9	4	1	20	160	1	5,500	...	...	2,100	...	1,100	...
Grace.....	1	140	...	...	...	3	1	20	160	1	3,100	...	...	...	...	...	...
Red Bank and Linwood	10	65	...	...	...	...	...	2	16	70	4	10,000	1	600	88	13	...
Venice.....	2	223	1	4	40	210	4	10,000	1	10,000	...	180	1,800
Winton Place.....	1	142	1	3	2	1	1	22	144	1	15,000	...	...	...	...	212	9,833
Church Extension Society.....	100	261	2	7	40	58	5	60	600	3	16,500	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals.....	1023	8,989	35	121	328	249	63	1236	8,840	60	765,300	18	106,100	19,367	8,326	48,511	...	
DAYTON DISTRICT.																		
Bethany.....	10	230	1	2	1	5	1	16	90	2	5,000	1	1,200	237	...	...	...
Camden and Summerville.....	7	234	...	...	2	4	2	36	179	2	7,000	1	1,500	222	...	...	...
Centerville.....	3	437	...	...	8	...	1	3	40	277	3	10,000	1	1,200	165	...	...
Concord.....	21	293	1	3	4	36	4	63	372	4	6,500	1	500	225	...	...	...
Dayton: Broadway.....	35	793	3	8	15	30	1	49	520	1	15,000	1	3,000	30	250	900	...	
Grace.....	14	690	...	...	7	12	1	30	212	1	60,000	1	10,000	...	400	2,000	...
Homestead Av. & Riverdale	8	140	1	...	...	6	2	37	250	2	2,800	...	...	...	...	...	...
Raper.....	20	915	3	7	...	21	2	68	845	1	28,000	...	...	3,000	...	196	...
St. Paul.....	15	667	2	6	18	12	1	48	660	1	25,000	...	...	...	...	...	...
Trinity.....	176	272	2	6	9	58	1	35	257	1	12,000	1	3,000	...	...	4,900	...
Eaton.....	4	394	1	6	4	1	21	185	1	25,000	1	3,000	682	...	...	...	...
Fair Haven.....	11	275	1	1	8	6	2	32	222	2	3,500	1	700	...	...	...	...
Fort Jefferson.....	4	211	...	...	...	5	4	55	315	4	5,000	1	1,000	1,445	...	350	...
Franklin.....	13	351	...	...	...	...	1	20	240	1	20,000	1	4,000	...	...	325	...
Germantown.....	...	145	...	...	...	...	1	22	85	1	2,500	...	...	...	...	...	...
Glendale and Sharonville.....	10	130	...	...	1	4	1	2	100	2	6,500	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gordon.....	1	138	2	1	...	1	2	36	241	4	3,200	1	500	26	...	...	...
Hamilton.....	12	550	...	...	...	...	1	55	560	1	45,000	1	5,000	200	2,008	3,000	...
Lewisburg.....	4	217	...	...	...	...	4	3	40	240	3	6,000	1	1,300	215	...	...
Miamisburg.....	17	263	...	...	3	4	1	29	301	1	8,000	2	4,500	544	...	...	...
Middletown.....	9	674	1	5	19	5	1	30	369	1	40,000	1	3,000	80	1,100	5,700	...	
Monroe.....	11	140	...	...	3	1	...	2	27	145	2	6,000	1	2,000	150	...	...
New Paris.....	4	152	...	...	...	...	1	15	65	3	4,200	1	800	...	...	...	...
Osborn.....	10	298	...	...	...	7	4	50	385	4	10,800	...	...	...	130	...	...
Oxford.....	3	340	1	...	...	7	5	1	26	200	1	20,000	1	2,000	125	...	...
Port Union.....	13	104	...	...	1	4	2	2	20	100	3	5,700	1	2,500	...	...	...
Red Lion.....	37	136	...	...	4	9	18	1	8	40	1	5,000	1	1,000	...	15	...
Seven Mile.....	1	208	...	...	...	1	9	1	14	120	2	10,000	1	1,500	225	...	...

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers..	Full Members.	Local Pr'bers.	Deaths	Children Bp'd.	Adults Bap'd.	Schools.....	Others & T'rs.	Scholars of all ages.....	Churches	Probable Val.	Parsonages.....	Probable Val.	Paid for build- & improv. Chs. and Parsonages.....	Paid on old in- debtedness on Ch. Property.	Present in- debtedness on Ch. Property.	
Springboro.....	2	118	...	2	...	...	1	9	90	1	\$2,000	1	\$1,000	80	...	...
Walker & Union.....	1	110	...	1	...	...	2	25	83	2	3,500	...	...	...	...	...
West Alexandria.....	4	168	...	2	...	12	1	27	140	1	3,500	...	...	...	...	...
West Carrollton.....	15	157	...	1	8	...	1	21	100	1	1,800	...	...	...	...	...
West Chester.....	12	121	...	3	...	...	2	25	150	2	1,800	1	1,500	...	...	...
West Elkton.....	2	240	...	5	6	30	4	42	280	4	3,000	...	...	...	...	...
Totals.....	509	10,311	28	104	163	251	60	1094	8,392	66	413,300	26	58,700	4,781	\$4,279	\$18,226	
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.																	
Aberdeen.....	24	381	...	2	...	9	4	56	335	4	6,000	1	1,000	50	320	...	
Amelia.....	14	355	...	7	...	1	3	40	225	4	6,000	1	2,000	100	...	...
Batavia.....	20	215	...	10	2	3	1	24	250	1	13,000	1	1,500	1,000	...	...
Bethel.....	6	338	1	6	1	3	5	52	300	4	4,300	1	400	315	...	...
Blue Creek.....	120	306	1	1	...	1	1	7	50	4	2,800	...	...	...	...	...
Butlerville.....	3	320	...	4	1	39	4	59	325	4	5,300	...	...	25	...	...
Centenary.....	3	...	1	5	...	1	5	48	225	5	8,000	...	...	5	...	25
Chilo.....	32	360	...	5	6	37	4	35	300	4	6,000	...	...	50	...	...
Decatur.....	9	292	2	5	2	1	4	51	230	4	6,000	1	500	25	...	...
Feesburg.....	6	210	...	3	1	4	4	52	270	4	3,600	1	1,200	25	...	235	
Felicity.....	6	290	1	3	1	8	2	31	340	2	4,000	1	800	...	...	...
Georgetown.....	6	552	...	4	1	66	3	37	290	3	8,500	1	700	20	...	...
Goshen.....	14	371	1	6	...	16	3	40	240	3	4,000	1	1,000	...	...	...
Laurel.....	11	492	1	4	11	3	4	106	345	4	6,000	1	250	100	...	...
Lebanon.....	7	310	2	7	2	10	1	11	300	1	12,000	1	3,000	75	265	1,185	
Lebanon Circuit.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maineville.....	1	209	...	1	2	...	2	28	209	2	4,000	1	1,500	103	...	...
Manchester.....	18	375	3	12	10	6	3	50	419	3	7,100	1	1,000	175	...	...
Marathon.....	135	490	2	7	17	50	5	74	269	5	4,900	1	250	54	...	...
Mason.....	1	210	...	3	1	2	3	42	249	3	5,800	1	3,000	25	...	846	
Milford.....	20	258	...	1	...	15	1	22	150	1	6,500	1	2,500	100	...	400	
Montgomery.....	5	98	1	2	8	1	3	25	139	3	5,500	...	...	...	...	250
Moscow.....	30	365	3	10	4	46	4	50	321	4	11,600	...	...	117	500	1,000
Mount Washington.....	10	107	...	3	2	4	1	13	110	1	6,000	...	...	100	...	...
New Richmond.....	6	124	1	4	4	12	1	16	140	1	4,000	1	1,500	...	212	300	
Owensville and Newtonville	5	475	1	3	3	2	4	48	490	4	8,000	1	1,200	200	100	...	
Peebles.....	12	411	1	3	16	9	4	49	389	4	2,000	2	1,300	85	105	120	
Ripley.....	3	237	1	5	...	...	1	20	...	1	20,000	1	3,000	1,160	...	...
Summerside.....	15	276	...	7	1	15	4	59	262	4	7,000	1	1,000	...	...	...
West Union.....	46	423	1	8	...	6	3	41	279	4	3,700	1	800	10	...	...
Williamsburg.....	10	250	2	6	5	6	1	25	150	1	5,000	1	2,000	25	...	...
Williamsburg Circuit.....	1	315	1	7	2	26	5	75	370	5	5,000	...	...	25	...	...
Totals.....	599	9,475	27	151	103	401	93	1286	8,187	97	201,800	21	31,400	3,979	1,502	4,261	
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																	
Belfast.....	9	577	1	11	...	12	6	71	370	6	7,000	1	1,000	393	175	...	
Blanchester & Midland City..	25	300	1	3	5	5	2	35	325	1	3,500	1	1,600	150	700	300	
Bowersville.....	26	265	1	4	1	25	3	37	182	4	4,500	1	800	20	...	...
Clarksville.....	32	232	...	5	...	12	4	47	253	4	5,500	1	1,000	116	...	...
Greenfield.....	20	1,005	...	18	10	37	1	34	650	1	12,000	1	2,500	50	...	...
Hillsboro.....	20	775	2	13	8	12	1	30	519	1	12,000	1	3,000	230	...	...
Hillsboro Circuit.....	11	148	...	3	...	16	2	24	65	3	4,100	...	...	...	...	...
Jamestown.....	43	303	...	6	2	31	1	23	237	1	12,000	1	2,000	18	...	...
Leesburg.....	25	380	1	7	...	1	3	48	330	3	8,000	1	1,800	75	...	...
Lexington.....	30	363	3	3	1	10	4	71	364	4	6,200	...	...	237	...	110
Lynchburg.....	8	475	1	7	2	5	4	75	325	4	7,000	1	1,500	150	50	150	
Martinsville.....	16	251	1	2	4	33	3	32	170	4	5,800	1	700	...	18	...	
Morrow.....	7	150	...	9	1	1	1	12	165	1	3,500	1	1,500	80	...	...
Mount Orab.....	30	420	3	6	4	10	4	50	375	4	5,000	1	1,200	200	...	...
New Burlington.....	23	523	3	9	14	54	4	58	362	4	7,100	1	1,800	90	22	190	
New Jasper.....	30	355	...	4	...	7	3	40	260	3	7,500	1	1,800	40	...	...
New Vienna.....	5	282	2	4	...	10	3	37	240	3	8,000	1	2,000	450	...	...
Rainsboro.....	12	394	1	9	...	1	4	65	444	4	8,500	1	1,200	...	...	...
Sabina.....	34	300	...	5	...	2	1	21	216	1	14,000	1	2,000	50	100	400	
Sinking Spring.....	14	408	2	2	...	5	4	48	240	4	2,600	1	500	150	33	350	
South Lebanon.....	10	140	1	1	2	5	1	15	125	1	2,500	1	1,400	600	...	800	
Sugar Tree Ridge.....	15	414	1	6	3	21	6	79	370	6	6,500	1	400	575	325	85	
Union.....	40	311	1	5	6	27	5	73	267	5	5,700	1	2,200	223	...	1,500	
Waynesville.....	5	240	...	1	...	2	2	31	200	2	6,300	1	2,000	500	...	...
Wilmington.....	10	285	...	8	...	3	1	19	110	1	12,000	1	2,500	75	...	...
Winchester.....	8	548	2	6	1	17	4	32	422	4	7,500	1	1,000	...	60	400	
Xenia: First Church.....	44	705	2	...	31	17	1	54	400	1	40,000	1	4,000	25,477	700	10,000	
Trinity.....	23	348	...	8	3	4	1	29	131	1	20,000	1	5,000	...	...	...
Totals.....	575	10,897	29	165	98	385	79	1196	8,114	81	244,400	26	46,400	29,943	2,183	14,285	
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																	
Arcanum.....	14	161	2	6	8	5	1	23	240	1	7,000	1	2,200	225	565	160	
Brandt.....	5	142	1	3	...	5	4	45	325	4	4,000	1	1,000	100	...	...

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.			S. SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers...	Full Members...	Local Preachers.	Deaths.....	Children Bapt'd.	Adults Bapt'd....	Schools.....	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.....	Churches.....	Probable Value..	Parsonages.....	Probable Value..	Paid for Build. & Improv. Chur's and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch'ch property.....	Present Indebtedness on Ch'ch property.....	
Catawba.....	31	464	1	5	10	3	4	71	403	4	\$9,000	1	\$770	\$158	\$646	\$55	
Cedarville.....	44	474	1	21	23	42	2	40	290	2	2,500	1	2,100	150	.....	.....
Christiansburg.....	4	220	2	1	1	3	3	50	230	4	7,000	1	850	30	.....	.....
Covington.....	26	178	1	...	14	2	30	150	150	1	2,700	1	1,500	200	.....	80
Dalton.....	19	350	2	3	4	7	4	79	416	4	11,300	1	1,600	95	.....	.....
Greenville.....	6	291	...	2	3	8	1	27	210	1	25,000	1	2,500	20,000	.....	5,000
King's Creek.....	5	205	1	2	10	7	3	32	175	4	3,300	1	1,000	.....	.....	75
Mechanicsburg	19	430	1	6	3	4	1	26	300	1	30,000	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....
Mutual.....	7	280	...	4	...	80	4	48	300	4	7,000	1	1,000	1,500	.....	.....
New Carlisle.....	8	326	2	5	2	6	2	33	440	2	7,000	1	1,500	120	.....	.....
New Moorefield.....	15	300	...	4	3	2	4	46	300	4	13,000	1	1,250	.....	70	.....
Piqua: Grace.....	3	325	...	6	5	10	1	30	200	1	6,000	1	2,000	200	.....	200
Greene Street.....	16	675	3	9	9	8	1	37	367	1	26,500	1	6,000	160	.....	1,700
South Charleston.....	27	330	...	3	20	8	1	21	100	2	14,000	1	3,000	15	.....	.....
South Charleston Circuit.....	32	360	...	2	3	23	5	60	320	5	6,000	...	...	75	.....	250
Springfield: Central.....	35	826	2	8	14	14	1	60	515	1	20,000	1	10,000	100	214	1,133	
Clifton Avenue.....	5	226	1	4	5	4	1	31	230	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace.....	28	139	...	...	12	6	1	15	200	1	3,500	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
High Street.....	7	402	1	5	4	18	1	19	181	1	30,000	1	10,000	248	.....	1,500
St. Paul.....	22	706	...	4	11	4	1	38	400	1	50,000	1	5,000	150	.....	2,000
Tippicanoe and Milton.....	17	303	2	2	3	41	2	41	340	2	16,000	1	1,500	8,000	.....	.....
Tremont City.....	39	456	...	5	4	31	4	68	492	4	20,000	1	1,200	150	36	.....
Troy.....	16	596	1	9	5	12	1	38	350	1	15,000	1	5,000	115	.....	210
Troy Circuit.....	10	280	...	2	6	10	3	30	200	3	5,000	1	1,200	25	.....	.....
Urbana: First Church.....	2	552	1	14	...	1	1	28	326	1	20,000	1	3,500	215	.....	.....
Grace.....	23	540	3	5	10	23	1	31	450	1	25,000	1	4,000	150	.....	.....
Yellow Springs.....	10	423	2	6	3	20	3	53	415	3	6,500	1	1,200	473	.....	.....
Totals.....	466	10,951	29	146	181	319	63	1,154	8,905	64	392,300	27	73,370	32,654	1,531	12,39	

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		S. SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers....	Full Members...	Local Preachers.	Deaths.....	Children Bapt'd.	Adults Bapt'd....	Schools.....	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.....	Churches...	Probable Value..	Parsonages.....	Probable Value..	Paid for Build. & Improv. Chur's and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch'ch property.....	Present Indebtedness on Ch'ch property.....
Cincinnati.....	1023	8989	35	121	328	249	63	1236	8840	60	\$765300	18	\$1067100	\$19367	\$8326	\$48411
Dayton.....	509	10311	28	101	163	351	60	1094	8392	66	413300	26	58700	4781	4279	18226
Georgetown.....	599	9475	27	154	103	404	93	1286	8187	97	201800	24	31400	3979	1502	4361
Hillsboro.....	575	10897	29	165	98	385	79	1196	8114	81	244400	26	46100	29943	2183	14285
Springfield.....	466	10951	29	116	181	319	63	1151	8905	64	392300	27	73370	32629	1556	12393
Totals.....	3172	50623	148	690	873	1708	358	5966	42438	368	2017100	121	313970	90699	17846	97676
Totals 1895.....	2883	48608	136	633	883	2210	357	5820	43739	363	1911100	118	298050	39135	22923	63494
Increase.....	289	2015	12	57	.....	.....	1	146	.....	5	103000	3	17920	51564	.....	34182
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	502	.....	.....	1301	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5077	.....

STATISTICS No. II, BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY,

J. H. McNARY, Monroe, Ohio.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.												
	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers.	No. of Teachers.	Total Officers and Teachers.	NO. OF SCHOLARS.			Average Attendance.	No. of Library-books.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in Sunday-school this Year.	Current Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
					Primary Grade.	All Others.	Total Scholars.						
Cincinnati,	62	419	774	1,236	2,993	5,847	8,840	6,023	9,189	1,091	2,602	620	\$4,229
Dayton,	60	425	679	1,094	2,015	6,376	8,392	5,514	3,373	960	3,690	464	3,257
Georgetown,	92	615	719	1,286	2,138	5,824	8,187	5,007	2,464	1,118	3,837	439	2,568
Hillsboro,	79	477	719	1,196	2,181	5,933	8,114	5,500	1,800	1,171	4,369	405	2,526
Springfield,	63	477	715	1,154	1,893	7,112	8,905	5,575	6,276	1,039	4,532	550	3,426
Totals,	356	2,413	3,606	5,966	11,221	31,092	42,438	27,619	23,102	5,379	19,030	2,478	\$16,006
Totals for 1895,	351	2245	3,438	5,820	12,329	30,633	42,962	28,622	24,942	5,577	18,588	3,250	15,542
Increase,	5	168	168	146	.....	459	.....	.....	.....	.....	442	.....	\$464
Decrease, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,108	.....	524	1,003	1,840	198	.....	788	.....

GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. III.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						Deficiencies.	SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDER'S.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Conference Claim-ants.	CURRENT EXPENSES.			
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.				Am't Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid.	Am't Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid.		Church: Sex-ton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.	
		Salary..	House Rent.	Total.	Salary..	House Rent.	Total.										
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																	
Avondale,	E. O. Buxton,	\$2000	\$720	\$2720	\$2000	\$720	\$2720	.....	\$150	\$150	\$40	\$40	\$160	\$1150	\$85	
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge,	J. H. Lease,	900	.....	900	900	.....	900	.....	45	45	12	12	42	170	125	
Carthage and Elmwood Place,	F. M. Kirgan,	750	.....	750	700	.....	700	\$50	40	27	10	5	15	220	150	
Cheviot,	M. M. Kugler,	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	50	50	14	14	219	125	35	
Cincinnati: Asbury,	John Pearson,	1020	336	1356	1020	336	1356	.....	60	60	14	14	35	790	112	
Camp Washington,	C. L. Mackey,	720	.....	720	720	.....	720	.....	21	21	...	...	10	142	96	
Christie,	R. E. Smith,	1200	500	1700	1200	500	1700	.....	72	72	10	8	40	360	60	
Columbia,	W. A. Deaton,	860	240	1100	860	240	1100	.....	30	30	10	2	10	307	175	
Cumminsville,	Creighton Wones,	1300	.....	1300	1300	.....	1300	.....	27	27	5	5	30	350	120	
Fairmount,	S. G. Pollard,	800	240	1040	800	240	1040	.....	28	28	8	8	10	225	135	
Finley,	D. J. Starr,	760	.....	760	760	.....	760	.....	16	16	...	...	5	365	50	
McKendree,	E. McHugh,	1200	.....	1200	1200	.....	1200	.....	36	36	10	10	21	.....	125	
Mt. Auburn,	E. T. Lane,	1200	412	1612	1200	412	1612	.....	75	75	26	26	85	800	30	
Mt. Lookout,	J. W. Gaddis,	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300	.....	56	56	16	14	70	490	75	
Pendleton,	Henry Hershey,	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	24	24	5	5	20	210	80	
Price Hill,	A. C. Turrell,	1100	....	1100	1100	.....	1100	....	35	35	6	6	30	700	140	
Pearl Street and Riverside,	G. Roughton,	650	.....	650	650	....	650	.....	30	30	...	...	10	250	25	
St. John,	W. H. Spybey,	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	....	20	10	6	2	5	196	63	
St. Paul,	J. M. Meeker,	2500	1000	3500	2500	1000	3500	.....	200	200	44	44	150	2463	300	
Trinity,	C. W. Gullette,	2000	400	2400	2000	400	2400	.....	135	135	35	35	100	1800	200	
Walnut Hills,	Simon D. McClesney,	2500	1000	3500	2500	1000	3500	.....	250	250	80	80	209	.....	200	
Wesley,	J. W. Magruder,	1200	500	1700	1200	500	1700	.....	81	81	26	26	120	997	266	
York Street,	G. L. Tufts,	1000	.....	1000	1000	.....	1000	.....	50	50	19	15	40	365	100	
Cleves,	(W. J. Dunham),	650	.....	650	650	.....	650	.....	25	25	6	6	3	200	124	

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							Deficiencies.	SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUP-PORT OF BISHOPS		Conference Claim-ants	CURRENT EXPENSES.	
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Am't Ap-portioned.		Amount Paid. . . .	Am't Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid. . . .	Church: Sex- ion, Light, Fuel, etc. .		S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.	
		Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .	Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .									
Clifton,	C. E. Schenk,	\$1000	\$420	\$1420	\$1000	\$420	\$1420	.....	\$40	\$40	\$12	\$12	\$40	\$1200	\$75
Delli,	G. P. Austin,	900	.....	900	900	.....	900	.....	40	40	8	8	50	155	48
Groesbeck,	(J. A. Geissinger), . .	550	.....	550	510	.....	510	\$40	27	27	...	...	100	26	
Hartwell,	H. A. M. Henderson, .	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	100	100	22	22	68	450	250
Harrison,	C. T. Crum,	600	100	700	600	100	700	... ..	40	28	5	2	5	200	61
Lockland-Wyoming, . . .	C. W. Barnes,	1500	350	1850	1500	350	1850	.....	112	112	25	25	140	500	70
Loveland and Branch Hill, .	Jas. Stephenson, . . .	500	150	650	414	150	564	86	36	27	...	...	10	160	35
Madisonville,	D. L. Aultman,	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	.....	112	112	24	24	148	600	153
Miami,	S. B. Timmons,	825	.....	825	675	.....	675	150	25	19	...	...	1	75	100
Newtown,	A. D. Maddox,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	45	45	10	10	20	275	125
Norwood: First Church, . .	W. L. Y. Davis,	900	.....	900	1016	.....	1016	Ex. 116	20	20	...	...	20	170	75
Grace,	M. E. Ketcham,	1400	.....	1400	1400	.....	1400	.....	28	28	14	9	25	160	60
Red Bank and Linwood, . .	C. L. Myers,	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	20	20	7	7	21	214	40
Venice (Ross),	W. M. West,	500	60	560	433	60	493	67	36	27	8	...	5	150	75	
Winton Place,	A. B. Austin,	900	300	1200	900	300	1200	.....	45	45	16	16	50	400	65
Cin. Church Extension Soc.,	M. Swadener,	2500	.....	2500	2500	.....	2500	.....	.....	.....	...	...	1450	100	
Totals, . . . . .	.....	43785	7878	51663	43508	7878	51386	277	2282	2223	553	512	2006	18934	4229
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany,	H. W. Bailey,	800	75	875	800	75	875	.....	63	63	10	3	9	100	50
Camden and Somerville, . .	G. L. Travis,	600	100	700	468	100	568	132	56	48	9	7	15	150	69	
Centerville,	H. C. Middleton, . . .	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	64	64	10	5	23	175	125
Concord,	Geo. H. Smith,	500	36	536	500	36	536	.....	38	38	7	7	40	150	150
Dayton: Broadway,	F. M. Clemens,	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	84	84	13	13	30	.....	168
Grace,	W. A. Robinson,	2000	600	2600	2000	600	2600	.....	217	217	30	30	160	1010	100
Homestead Ave. & Riverdale,	(A. W. Hook),	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	... ..	35	35	6	4	6	320	48

Raper,	L. E. Prentiss,	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900	.....	133	133	16	16	100	1149	223
St. Paul,	E. Burdsall,	1000	240	1240	1000	240	1240	.....	108	108	15	15	80	571	248
Trinity,	J. P. Ninde,	680	120	800	680	120	800	.....	56	56	...	...	4	204	195
Eaton,	J. L. Shively,	1050	150	1200	1050	150	1200	.....	84	84	16	10	65	475	61
Fair Haven,	W. M. Coffman,	600	50	650	600	50	650	.....	46	.....	9	7	26	125	32
Fort Jefferson,	O. D. Becker,	550	50	600	509	50	559	41	40	40	4	2	11	81	92
Franklin,	C. H. Haines,	900	120	1020	900	120	1020	.....	72	72	9	9	14	250	75
Germantown,	(E. A. Harper),	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	40	.....	...	2	2	65	50
Glendale and Sharonville,	C. W. Horn,	675	.....	675	675	.....	675	.....	46	46	5	3	10	140	30
Gordon,	J. McK. Shultz,	480	50	530	425	50	475	55	.....	.....	8	6	10	100	100
Hamilton,	J. W. Peters,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	130	130	15	15	20	800	360
Lewisburg,	D. A. McColm,	550	75	625	525	75	600	25	40	40	6	4	8	135	90
Miamisburg,	J. S. Pumphrey,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	84	84	18	18	60	436	95
Middletown,	William Runyan,	1100	150	1250	1100	150	1250	.....	68	68	...	...	20	500	80
Monroe,	J. H. McNary,	800	125	925	778	125	903	22	65	65	12	12	16	150	50
New Paris,	(M. F. Hawley),	500	60	560	500	60	560	.....	39	39	8	5	5	100	35
Osborn,	W. M. Patton,	600	100	700	526	100	626	74	51	51	...	1	9	203	227
Oxford,	E. H. Cherington,	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300	.....	94	94	10	10	40	250	60
Port Union,	J. F. McColm,	600	120	720	520	120	640	80	51	48	...	...	2	160	75
Red Lion,	J. W. Patton,	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	39	.....	7	7	9	75	30
Seven Mile,	G. W. Vorhis,	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	56	56	12	12	23	135	46
Springboro,	I. R. Marshall,	500	60	560	525	60	585	Ex. 25	33	33	6	3	.....	64	52
Walker and Union,	(A. K. Stabler),	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	35	35	7	2	2	75	23
West Alexandria,	(C. L. Chapman),	500	90	590	500	90	590	.....	35	35	7	1	4	231	85
West Carrollton,	J. T. Bail,	600	120	720	600	120	720	.....	48	48	8	5	25	81	88
West Chester,	Thos. Cundy,	300	100	400	300	100	400	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	95	45
West Elkton,	(J. A. Jenkinson),	400	.....	400	425	.....	420	Ex. 25	25	25	...	...	5	.....	.....
Totals,		26035	3991	30026	25656	3991	29647	379	2075	1939	283	234	853	8555	3257
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.															
Aberdeen,	T. P. Walter,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	61	61	5	5	5	160	75
Amelia,	W. P. Jackson,	650	100	750	590	100	690	60	65	60	8	7	18	150	50
Batavia,	G. V. Morris,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	74	74	8	8	47	350	150
Bethel,	J. H. Davis,	550	60	610	498	60	558	52	49	45	5	5	6	159	60
Blue Creek,	E. L. Hollingsworth,	220	.....	220	210	.....	210	10	18	8	...	...	1	154	10

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Conference Claimants	CURRENT EXPENSES.		
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Am't Apportioned	Amount Paid. . .	Am't Apportioned.		Amount Paid . . .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.	Church: Session, Light, Fuel, etc. . .
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.								
Butlerville,	S. A. Stephan, . . .	\$360	.....	\$360	\$340	.....	\$340	\$20	\$36	\$36	\$5	\$4	\$2	\$125	\$100
Centenary,	H. C. Hutchinson, . .	500	\$40	540	353	\$40	393	147	49	33	5	4	8	150	75
Chilo,	W. S. Gray,	525	.....	525	450	.....	450	75	44	38	5	5	10	75	50
Decatur,	A. G. Newton,	550	50	600	492	50	542	58	51	46	5	5	5	100	93
Feesburg,	T. G. Williams, . . .	550	75	625	465	75	540	85	52	47	6	6	3	60	50
Felicity,	S. W. Campbell, . . .	625	100	725	565	100	665	60	63	60	7	6	5	150	60
Georgetown,	M. B. Fuller,	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	74	74	8	8	54	175	75
Goshen,	G. S. Easton,	550	75	625	600	75	675	Ex. 50	53	53	6	6	25	125	70
Laurel,	C. H. Kalbfus,	600	40	640	507	40	547	93	56	53	6	5	25	150	55
Lebanon,	J. P. Porter,	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	90	90	8	8	18	460	78
Lebanon Circuit,	(W. E. Shriver), . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	20	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Maineville,	J. S. Whitney,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	53	53	10	2	12	100	50
Manchester,	T. D. Moore,	700	100	800	625	100	725	75	65	59	6	2	20	162	96
Marathon,	A. D. Foster,	488	37	525	488	37	525	.....	43	43	5	5	9	125	98
Mason,	E. S. Gaddis,	800	150	950	664	150	814	136	76	69	7	2	22	136	80
Milford,	I. W. Mason,	1100	180	1280	1100	180	1280	.....	111	111	9	12	90	325	150
Montgomery,	W. E. Spurrier, . . .	568	.....	568	457	.....	457	111	48	39	...	3	5	100	50
Moscow,	J. D. Darling,	533	72	605	566	72	638	Ex. 33	60	60	7	7	15	175	150
Mt. Washington	C. W. Elliott,	700	.....	700	700	.....	700	.....	41	41	7	7	10	115	93
New Richmond,	W. J. Baker,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	54	54	7	5	18	200	70
Owensville and Newtonville,	J. R. Hunter,	550	75	625	550	75	625	.....	54	40	10	5	.....	180	175
Peebles,	D. C. Washburn, . . .	600	100	700	542	100	642	58	58	52	6	4	11	125	105
Ripley,	J. E. Abrams,	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	.....	75	75	10	5	35	225	45
Summerside,	C. W. Briggs,	600	75	675	560	75	635	40	56	52	7	5	8	190	125
West Union,	J. F. Laird,	600	60	660	584	60	644	16	57	55	8	8	16	109	45
Williamsburg,	G. M. Fulton,	600	125	725	600	125	725	.....	57	57	6	6	.....	125	85
Williamsburg Circuit, . .	(H. O. Collins,) . . .	500	.....	500	438	.....	438	62	50	50	6	6	4	190	100
Totals,		19319	2384	21703	18244	2384	20628	1075	1813	1708	199	163	507	5125	2568

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																	
Belfast (Bell),	G. T. Perry,	700	100	800	613	100	713	87	60	60	11	10	4	240	44		
Blanchester and Midland City,	A. Hamilton,	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	60	60	10	10	10	200	200		
Bowersville,	J. A. Winkler,	715	75	790	615	75	690	100	55	45	10	6	10	110	27		
Clarksville,	D. D. Cheney,	600	100	700	550	100	650	50	55	53	9	7	29	179	57		
Greenfield,	M. LeSourd,	1400	120	1520	1400	120	1520	.....	120	120	19	19	100	400	280		
Hillsboro,	H. D. Ketcham,	1300	200	1500	1319	200	1519	Ex. 19	175	175	21	21	100	650	120		
Hillsboro Circuit,	A. H. Davis,	200	.....	200	190	.....	190	10	24	24	6	6	4	30	18		
Jamestown,	D. C. Vance,	900	120	1020	900	120	1020	.....	60	60	11	11	40	249	118		
Leesburg,	O. M. Sellers,	750	150	900	765	150	915	Ex. 15	65	65	14	10	17	210	75		
Lexington,	J. E. H. Sentman,	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	60	60	9	9	20	185	105		
Lynchburg,	John Wilson,	730	150	880	730	150	880	.....	65	65	10	10	25	250	150		
Martinsville,	J. F. Trout,	450	60	510	400	60	460	50	44	32	5	5	8	75	56		
Morrow,	W. G. Warner,	700	125	825	700	125	825	.....	60	60	7	5	15	100	50		
Mt. Orah,	C. J. Wells,	650	80	730	550	80	630	100	60	52	8	3	3	200	50		
New Burlington,	Philip Trout,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	60	60	13	13	64	148	112		
New Jasper,	R. S. McCohn,	700	100	800	650	100	750	50	65	60	10	6	10	150	60		
New Vienna,	J. A. Easton,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	64	64	12	12	20	185	75		
Rainsboro,	J. S. Ruggles,	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	60	60	9	9	9	165	107		
Sabina,	J. R. Colley,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	60	60	8	8	20	175	56		
Sinking Spring,	B. F. Oswald,	450	50	500	450	50	500	.....	40	40	8	5	.....	120	60		
South Lebanon,	J. M. Roberts,	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	40	40	7	7	2	75	25		
Sugar Tree Ridge,	C. C. Peale,	450	50	500	450	50	500	.....	40	40	8	8	20	155	83		
Union,	Frank Leever,	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	.. ....	60	60	10	10	32	226	128		
Waynesville,	A. T. Cowgill,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	70	70	8	8	20	100	85		
Wilmington,	A. N. Spahr,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	95	95	10	10	80	235	49		
Winchester,	U. G. Humphrey,	700	100	800	708	100	808	Ex. 8	60	60	11	11	50	135	130		
Xenia: First Church,	J. J. McCabe,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	128	128	24	24	80	1300	129		
Trinity,	C. M. Van Pelt,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	95	95	12	10	60	445	77		
Totals,		21695	3530	25225	21290	3530	24820	405	1900	1863	300	273	852	6692	2526		
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																	
Arcanum,	J. L. Dalbey,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	65	65	7	87	12	150	104		
Brandt,	E. M. Ellsworth,	400	100	500	405	100	505	Ex. 5	35	35	5	5	20	100	63		
Catawba,	C. E. Munsey,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	65	65	10	5	34	274	65		

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUP-PORT OF BISHOPS		Conference Claim-ants,	CURRENT EXPENSES.	
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Am't Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid . . .	Am't Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid . . .		Church : Sex-ton, Light, Fuel, etc. . .	S. S. : Lesson Leaves, etc.
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.								
Cedarville,	F. E. Vance,	\$700	\$150	\$850	\$700	\$150	\$850	.....	\$40	\$40	\$5	\$3	\$20	\$175	\$150
Christiansburg,	D. S. Ewry,	500	60	560	475	60	535	\$25	35	31	6	4	10	70	40
Covington,	W. C. Mitchell,	440	130	570	400	130	530	40	25	25	..	..	8	100	40
Dialton,	W. A. Wiant,	675	100	775	675	100	775	.....	45	45	10	10	50	202	162
Greenville,	Chas. L. Conger,	1050	150	1200	1050	150	1200	.....	90	90	10	10	40	375	74
King's Creek,	(W. R. Buckles,)	381	100	481	372	100	472	9	34	34	6	3	3	135	65
Mechanicsburg,	C. E. Linzell,	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300	.....	80	80	..	2	40	360	150
Mutual,	W. T. Stafford,	750	100	850	730	100	830	20	40	40	..	..	3	160	80
New Carlisle,	A. L. Brokaw,	700	100	800	512	100	612	188	64	56	8	5	35	125	75
New Moorefield,	L. M. Davis,	700	100	800	630	100	730	70	60	56	10	8	8	285	70
Piqua: Grace,	W. H. Wehrley,	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	.....	50	50	10	5	25	225	100
Greene Street,	F. G. Mitchell,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	140	140	20	20	92	508	225
South Charleston,	B. D. Hypes,	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	.....	75	75	10	10	10	200	50
South Charleston Circuit,	Jno. W. Lucas,	600	100	700	535	100	635	65	40	35	..	2	7	150	75
Springfield: Central,	V. F. Brown,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	15	15	62	745	335
Clifton Ave.,	J. P. Shultz,	750	144	894	700	144	844	50	20	20	..	5	19	227	116
Grace,	David Herr,	600	120	720	530	120	650	70	.....	.....	..	..	2	130	48
High Street,	J. A. Story,	1600	600	2200	1600	600	2200	.....	135	135	20	20	100	1200	153
St. Paul,	Paul C. Curnick,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	25	25	70	1200	150
Tippecanoe and Milton,	J. R. Hill,	600	100	700	550	100	650	50	50	50	7	7	17	225	130
Tremont City,	J. A. White,	750	96	846	750	96	846	.....	75	75	10	10	64	320	146
Troy,	S. O. Royal,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	115	115	20	20	140	340	196
Troy Circuit,	L. O Deputy,	600	100	700	555	100	655	45	40	27	..	..	20	130	36
Urbana: First Church,	G. W. Dubois,	1300	300	1600	1300	300	1600	.....	130	130	18	15	90	716	148
Grace,	J. G. Vaughan,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	120	120	15	15	100	700	250
Yellow Springs,	R. K. Deem,	900	100	1000	808	100	908	92	55	55	10	5	30	200	130
Totals,		23746	5250	30996	25027	5250	30277	719	1993	1957	257	246	1131	9725	3426

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAME OF DISTRICTS.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Conference Claimants	CURRENT EXPENSES.	
	CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies,	Am't Apportioned,	Amount Paid . . .	Am't Apportioned,	Amount Paid . . .		Church: Sex-ton Light Fuel, etc. . .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.
	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.								
Cincinnati,	\$43,785	\$7,878	\$51,663	\$43,508	\$7,878	\$51,386	\$277	\$2,282	\$2,223	\$553	\$512	\$2,042	\$18,934	\$4,229
Dayton,	26,035	3,991	30,026	25,656	3,991	29,647	379	2,075	1,939	283	234	853	8,555	3,257
Georgetown,	19,319	2,384	21,703	18,244	2,384	20,628	1,075	1,813	1,708	199	163	507	5,125	2,568
Hillsboro,	21,695	3,530	25,225	21,290	3,530	24,820	405	1,900	1,863	300	273	852	6,692	2,526
Springfield,	25,746	5,250	30,996	25,027	5,250	30,277	719	1,993	1,959	262	236	1,131	9,727	3,426
Totals,	136,580	23,033	159,613	133,725	23,033	156,758	2,855	10,063	9,692	1,597	1,418	5,385	49,033	16,006
Totals, 1895,	134,668	22,165	156,833	132,632	22,061	154,693	2,140	9,602	9,231	1,634	1,461	5,865	50,352	15,542
Increase,	912	868	2,770	1,093	972	2,065	715	461	461	.....	.....	.....	.....	464
Decrease, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	43	48c	1,319	.....

GENERAL STATISTICS NO. IV.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc..	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society.	Woman's Home Miss. Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants.	General Conf. Expenses.	Other collections.	Christ's Hospital
	Church.	Sunday-school.	Total.					Child'n's Fund.	Other Edu'nal Objects.								
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																	
Avondale,	\$196	\$68	\$264	\$55	\$12	\$15	\$60	\$16	\$15	\$15	\$381	\$216	\$40	\$160	.....	\$1275	\$580
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge, . .	52	28	80	5	1	1	5	5	.....	1	.....	27	12	42	.....	5	.....
Carthage and Elmwood Place, . .	41	24	65	2	1	1	2	2	.....	1	13	121	5	15	.....	8	3
Cheviot,	846	26	872	271	54	53	397	118	.....	108	120	.....	14	219	.....	974	.....
Cincinnati: Asbury,	83	77	160	8	2	3	15	.....	10	4	55	24	14	35	.....	51	33
Camp Washington,	10	34	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	79	.....	10	.....	3	.....
Christie,	50	20	70	5	2	2	4	2	1	1	43	265	8	40	.....	47	36
Columbia,	20	30	50	6	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	58	21	2	10	.....	20	25
Cumminsville,	39	15	54	.....	1	1	4	2	2	1	51	55	5	30	.....	20	.....
Fairmount,	5	45	50	12	2	5	5	3	2	4	64	.....	8	10	.....	82	.....
Finley,	10	6	16	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
McKendree,	80	.....	80	6	1	1	6	9	.....	1	.....	.....	10	21	.....	23	.....
Mt. Auburn,	143	57	200	55	11	9	61	10	6	18	64	33	26	85	.....	134	79
Mt. Lookout,	161	75	236	21	2	3	50	10	4	5	170	240	14	70	\$6	127	48
Pendleton,	3	42	45	10	1	1	10	1	.....	1	.....	.....	5	20	.....	35	.....
Price Hill,	59	26	85	12	2	2	11	4	3	3	32	52	6	30	.....	66	14
Pearl Street and Riverside, . .	13	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
St. John,	18	.....	18	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	5	.....	.....	.....
*St. Paul,	191	48	239	10	5	5	30	5	.....	10	108	333	44	150	34	350	.....
Trinity,	150	50	200	20	5	5	20	5	.....	5	438	229	35	100	.....	136	599
Walnut Hills,	590	500	1,090	74	3	2	128	7	.....	.....	700	944	80	209	115	.....	.....
Wesley,	547	78	625	80	15	20	70	14	22	19	214	16	26	120	.....	585	.....
York Street,	50	30	80	7	1	1	10	2	.....	2	51	69	15	40	.....	109	15

* Bible Reader in India, \$60.

* Armenian sufferers, \$36.

Cleves,	30	5	35	4	.....	1	3	4	.....	.....	.....	6	3	2	.....	.....
Clifton,	70	10	80	15	10	3	10	9	45	10	194	12	40	.....	653	.....
Delhi,	73	27	100	.....	2	1	14	4	4	2	17	50	8	50	.....	28 74
Groesbeck,	6	5	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hartwell,	61	49	110	10	3	2	9	15	2	1	36	134	22	68	508	.....
Harrison,	20	5	25	4	1	1	7	4	1	1	42	1	2	5	.....	17
Lockland-Wyoming,*	670	58	728	52	3	3	174	9	.....	2	411	.....	25	140	.....	356 346
Loveland and Branch Hill,	9	19	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....
Madisonville,	135	150	285	28	12	7	27	5	10	10	204	50	24	148	14	36 164
Miami,	15	4	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Newtown,	40	13	53	5	1	1	5	3	.....	1	.....	.....	10	20	.....	3
Norwood: First Church,	54	26	80	10	1	1	1	1	.....	1	40	.....	.....	20	.....	5
Grace,	40	10	50	12	2	2	7	6	.....	.....	1	180	9	25	.....	124 22
Red Bank and Linwood,	42	15	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	21	.....	.....
Venice,	7	.....	7	3	1	.....	3	4	1	1	2	2	.....	5	.....	.....
Winton Place,	115	4	119	16	5	5	16	4	12	8	74	212	16	50	16	60 8
Cincinnati Church Ex. Society, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	4,744	1,679	6,423	821	163	158	1,169	293	140	236	3,583	3,353	512	2,042	187	5,832 2,054
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany,	38	10	48	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	24	.....	3	9	.....	220
Camden and Somerville,	30	11	41	3	2	1	3	7	.....	1	10	.....	7	15	9	8
Centerville,†	62	23	85	5	2	1	6	5	2	2	24	.....	5	23	.....	.....
Concord,	73	9	93	16	2	2	15	5	1	.....	13	.....	7	40	2	.....
Dayton: Broadway,	180	60	240	16	3	2	18	10	5	3	11	57	13	30	.....	.....
Grace,	386	100	486	25	5	5	20	15	.....	12	407	229	30	160	7	100
Homestead Ave. and Riverdale,	6	9	15	2	1	1	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	6	.....	.....
Raper,	281	319	600	60	6	6	30	27	115	10	175	330	16	100	.....	167
St. Paul,	199	110	309	40	4	4	35	16	.....	5	230	88	15	80	9	192
Trinity,	4	5	9	2	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....
Eaton,	156	44	200	25	3	3	25	4	4	8	123	90	10	65	.....	50
Fair Haven,	71	10	81	20	1	1	18	7	.....	.....	13	.....	7	26	2	6
Fort Jefferson,	23	5	28	2	1	1	2	9	.....	1	.....	.....	2	11	.....	.....
Franklin,	50	54	104	10	1	2	10	5	.....	.....	34	.....	9	14	.....	7
Germantown,	12	5	17	.....	2	2	.....	1	.....	.....	30	.....	2	2	.....	.....

* To Bishop Thoburn for native preachers and teachers in India, \$140.

† Scholarship in India, \$15.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc. . . .	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society. . . .	Woman's Home Miss. Society	Episcopal Fund	Conference Claimants . .	General Conf. Expenses . .	Other collec- tions	Christ's Hospital. . .
	Church .	Sunday-school .	Total . .					Child's Fund . .	Other Edu'nal Objects.								
Glendale and Sharonville,	\$31	\$13	\$44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$3	\$10	.....	.....	\$5
Gordon,	49	41	90	\$4	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$6	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	10	\$3	.....	.....
Hamilton,	32	68	100	10	2	2	25	2	.....	\$2	\$100	.....	15	20	11	.....	20
Lewisburg,	17	3	20	1	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	\$14	4	8	.....	.....	.....
Miamisburg,	125	75	200	5	3	3	5	10	\$2	.....	74	25	18	60	.....	.....	19
Middletown,	34	30	64	10	3	2	13	6	.....	.....	23	103	5	20	.....	.....	10
Monroe,	36	19	55	2	1	1	2	12	2	1	7	1	12	16	.....	.....	5
New Paris,	3	.....	3	1	1	.....	1	3	.....	1	.....	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....
Osborn,	29	47	76	1	1	1	6	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	9	6	.....	5
Oxford,	120	30	150	5	1	1	10	2	1	9	19	20	10	40	.....	.....	10
Port Union,	3	2	5	1	2	1	2	8	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Red Lion,	33	3	36	3	.....	.....	10	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	9	.....	.....	.....
Seven Mile,	23	34	57	17	3	3	15	8	5	12	.....	.....	12	23	5	\$5	5
Springboro,	13	5	18	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	32	3	.....	.....	.....	3
Walker and Union,	12	3	15	1	1	1	1	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
West Alexandria,	5	5	10	1	1	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	4	.....	.....	5
West Carrollton,	40	29	69	5	1	1	5	6	2	1	59	.....	5	25	3	.....	5
West Chester,	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Elkton,	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	2,202	1,177	3,379	296	56	51	287	201	141	73	1,376	989	239	853	57	464	383
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.																	
Aberdeen,	35	5	40	2	1	1	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....
Amelia,	45	13	58	9	1	1	4	2	2	1	13	.....	7	18	3	.....	.....
Batavia,	60	15	75	10	2	2	8	4	.....	2	.....	.....	8	47	.....	16	15
Bethel,	25	5	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	5	.....	5	6	2	.....	.....

Blue Creek,	15	.....	15	1	1	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Butlerville,	20	2	22	2	1	1	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	4	2	.....	.....	.....
Centenary,	14	4	18	1	.....	1	1	3	.....	1	.....	.....	4	8	.....	.....	.....
Chilo,	24	1	25	2	1	1	2	6	.....	1	1	.....	5	10	.....	.....	.....
Decatur,	92	.....	92	5	1	1	5	5	.....	.....	31	.....	5	5	2	.....	4
Feesburg,	16	2	18	2	1	1	1	7	1	1	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	2
Felicity,	20	10	30	3	1	1	2	2	.....	1	.....	.....	6	5	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown,	130	15	145	6	2	3	7	14	2	3	.....	.....	8	54	.....	.....	15
Goshen,	57	81	138	6	2	2	8	7	2	2	4	.....	6	25	.....	15	.....
Laurel,	42	3	45	8	1	1	8	1	9	1	.....	.....	5	25	.....	6	.....
Lebanon,	140	25	165	11	2	3	13	4	3	.....	103	.....	8	18	8	.....	11
Lebanon Circuit,	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maineville,	48	28	76	.....	.....	.....	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	.....	.....	.....
Manchester,	15	10	25	1	1	1	1	5	.....	.....	22	.....	2	20	1	.....	.....
Marathon,	34	5	39	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	5	9	1	.....	.....
Mason,	46	34	80	10	3	3	9	5	5	.....	12	.....	2	22	4	.....	.....
Milford,	188	32	220	30	5	5	10	13	13	2	37	16	12	90	.....	.....	40
Montgomery,	6	9	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	5	.....	.....	.....
Moscow,	40	16	56	12	2	2	8	6	1	1	.....	.....	7	15	2	.....	.....
Mt. Washington,	58	27	85	5	1	1	3	1	1	1	.....	.....	7	10	.....	.....	.....
New Richmond,	48	12	60	5	.....	.....	4	.....	21	.....	1	.....	5	18	.....	23	10
Owensville and Newtonsville,	30	16	46	1	.....	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Peebles,	25	10	35	3	.....	1	2	3	.....	1	.....	.....	4	11	3	.....	.....
Ripley,	61	25	86	3	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	1	.....	11	5	35	.....	.....	8
Summerside,	42	28	70	9	1	1	8	12	6	2	3	.....	5	8	5	.....	.....
West Union,	46	.....	46	5	1	1	4	7	.....	2	45	.....	8	16	6	5	.....
Williamsburg,	68	15	83	5	1	1	5	8	5	1	.....	.....	6	.....	25	.....	.....
Williamsburg Circuit,	9	3	12	1	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	4	1	.....	.....
Totals,	1,502	451	1,953	159	32	37	127	132	76	25	312	27	164	507	63	65	105
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																	
Belfast,	70	.....	70	3	1	1	3	8	.....	1	.....	.....	10	4	.....	.....	.....
Blanchester and Midland City,	13	17	30	5	.....	.....	1	2	1	1	.....	.....	10	10	.....	50	.....
Bowersville,	36	11	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	1	.....	.....	6	10	2	.....	.....

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Ex-tension . . .	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society.	Freemen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc. . .	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society. . . .	Woman's Home Miss. Society. . . .	Episcopal Fund. . . .	Conference Claimants. .	General Conf. Expenses. .	Other Collec-tions	Christ's Hospital. .
	Church. .	Sunday-school. .	Total. . .					Child's Fund. .	Other Edu'nal Objects.								
Clarksville,	\$43	\$11	\$54	\$8	\$1	\$1	\$5	.....	\$3	\$1	\$13	.....	\$7	\$29	\$5	.....	\$6
Greenfield,	180	147	327	25	10	8	20	8	6	20	126	.....	19	100	.....	\$40	.....
Hillsboro,	254	106	360	20	2	2	20	3	2	3	107	60	21	100	.....	10	48
Hillsboro Circuit,	14	.....	14	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	6	4	.....	.....	2
Jamestown,	70	100	170	10	3	4	10	5	2	9	45	12	11	40	7	.....	7
Leesburg,	80	15	95	6	3	2	14	24	3	.....	23	18	10	17	.....	27	.....
Lexington,	55	21	76	8	2	1	6	8	2	2	28	.....	9	20	.....	.....	.....
Lynchburg,	86	24	110	5	1	1	5	6	.....	.....	21	.....	10	25	8	8	.....
Martinsville,	35	4	39	1	1	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	5	8	3	.....	.....
Morrow,	50	10	60	5	2	2	5	5	.....	1	.....	.....	5	15	.....	7	.....
Mt. Orab,	15	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	5	.....	3	3	.....	9	.....
New Burlington,	205	20	225	20	3	2	9	10	2	3	11	.....	13	64	.....	20	.....
New Jasper,	52	5	57	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	10	.....	.....	2
New Vienna,	55	5	60	3	1	1	3	4	.....	1	66	.....	12	20	.....	.....	.....
Rainsboro,	85	35	120	9	2	1	6	6	5	.....	.....	.....	9	9	9	.....	.....
Sabina,	52	23	75	5	1	1	5	13	.....	.....	35	.....	8	20	.....	40	.....
Sinking Spring,	72	8	80	3	1	1	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Lebanon,	20	15	35	1	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	2	.....	.....	.....
Sugar Tree Ridge,	90	10	100	4	2	2	4	13	4	1	.....	.....	8	20	8	.....	.....
Union,	100	40	140	14	2	2	10	10	4	.....	58	.....	10	32	5	.....	.....
Waynesville,	55	15	70	3	1	1	2	1	.....	1	30	.....	8	20	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington,	205	50	255	25	2	3	20	5	15	5	57	.....	10	80	10	.....	5
Winchester,	140	10	150	30	7	5	30	5	8	.....	.....	.....	11	50	.....	.....	21
Xenia—First Church,	310	108	418	21	3	3	21	5	10	22	64	83	24	80	.....	123	10
Trinity,	125	60	185	12	2	1	20	5	.....	.....	88	148	10	60	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	2,567	870	3,437	249	54	46	223	165	71	71	777	521	273	852	57	334	101

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																	
Arcanum,	91	34	125	2	1	1	2	3	2	1	22	.....	7	12	.....	.....	.....
Brandt,	35	10	45	10	1	1	10	2	.....	1	.....	.....	5	20	.....	.....	.....
Catawba,	100	22	122	10	1	2	10	17	2	2	14	.....	5	34	.....	.....	.....
Cedarville,	50	25	75	5	1	1	5	3	.....	25	.....	.....	3	20	.....	125	.....
Christiansburg,	15	4	19	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	10	5	.....	.....
Covington,	26	.....	26	5	2	2	5	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....
Dialton,	220	10	230	15	.....	1	10	.....	1	1	16	.....	10	50	.....	.....	.....
Greenville,	38	12	50	3	1	1	4	2	1	1	9	34	10	40	.....	56	.....
King's Creek,	25	1	26	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg,	162	97	259	20	.....	.....	10	4	.....	.....	34	44	2	40	18	.....	.....
Mutual,	20	6	26	2	1	1	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
New Carlisle,	25	25	50	7	1	1	5	4	10	2	.....	.....	5	35	.....	15	.....
New Moorefield,	61	21	82	11	1	1	14	5	.....	1	.....	.....	8	8	10	.....	9
Piqua: Grace,	40	40	80	5	.....	.....	18	7	.....	10	40	44	5	25	9	.....	.....
Greene Street,	306	200	506	36	1	1	81	10	.....	39	161	101	20	92	25	65	38
South Charleston,	117	31	148	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1	19	.....	10	10	.....	1,010	.....
South Charleston Circuit,	20	15	35	1	.....	.....	2	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7	.....	.....	.....
Springfield—Central,	250	176	426	50	7	7	40	26	13	7	96	101	15	62	17	25	.....
Clifton Avenue,	40	48	88	5	.....	.....	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	19	.....	60	.....
Grace,	7	3	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
High Street,	449	100	549	45	5	5	20	17	.....	5	169	368	20	100	.....	332	.....
St. Paul,	292	94	386	25	1	1	20	11	1	2	80	372	25	70	.....	90	.....
Tippecanoe and Milton,	25	25	50	5	2	1	2	2	3	1	.....	.....	7	17	.....	.....	.....
Tremont City,	105	7	112	25	2	2	21	7	1	1	.....	.....	10	64	.....	.....	.....
Troy,	410	180	590	91	3	4	138	179	33	44	88	158	20	140	.....	139	100
Troy Circuit,	68	12	80	8	1	1	14	15	15	.....	.....	.....	2	20	2	.....	.....
Urbana—First Church,	320	125	445	45	10	10	40	9	6	10	155	103	15	90	12	293	.....
Grace,	345	80	425	30	10	10	40	50	.....	10	100	182	15	100	.....	250	.....
Yellow Springs,	84	41	125	9	4	4	9	13	2	4	73	23	5	30	.....	.....	16
Totals,	3,736	1,444	5,190	473	58	61	529	410	91	169	1,077	1,531	238	1,131	99	1,450	1,173

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Ex- tension	Sunday- school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South- ern Ed. Soc.	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Mis- sionary Soc.	Woman's Home Miss. Society. . . .	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants. .	General Conf. Expenses. .	Other collec- tions.	Christ's Hospital. . .
	Church. .	Sunday- School. .	Total. .					Childr'n's Fund. .	Other Edu'nal Objects.								
Cincinnati,	\$4,744	\$1,679	\$6,423	\$821	\$163	\$158	\$1,169	\$293	\$140	\$236	\$3,583	\$3,353	\$512	\$2,042	\$187	\$5,832	\$2,054
Dayton,	2,202	1,177	3,379	296	56	51	287	201	141	73	1,376	989	239	853	57	464	383
Georgetown,	1,502	451	1,953	159	32	37	127	132	76	25	312	27	164	507	63	65	105
Hillsboro,	2,567	870	3,437	249	54	46	223	165	71	71	777	521	273	852	57	334	101
Springfield,	3,736	1,444	5,190	473	58	61	529	410	91	169	1,077	1,531	238	1,131	99	1,450	1,173
Totals,	14,751	5,621	20,382	1,998	363	353	2,335	1,201	519	574	7,125	6,421	1,426	5,385	463	8,145	3,816
Totals for 1895, . .	16,128	5,984	22,112	2,101	412	364	2,593	1,307	532	620	6,691	7,228	1,466	5,865	571	9,087	4,990
Increase, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease,	1,367	363	1,730	103	49	11	158	106	13	46	434	807	40	480	108	942	1,174

CIRCUIT REPORTS OF PASTORS' SALARIES.

N. B.—The name in SMALL CAPS is the name of the charge, and the sums opposite indicate the amount estimated and paid by each appointment.

APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.			DAYTON—Continued.		
BOND HILL,	\$500	\$530	Hollansburg,	\$160	\$139
Pleasant Ridge,	400	400	Jaysville,	135	112
CARTHAGE,	325	325	New Madison,	92	74
Elinwood Place,	375	375	GLENDAL,	375	375
CLEVES,	500	500	Sharonville,	300	300
Addyston,	150	150	GORDON,	300	290
GROESBECK,	350	310	Baltimore,	150	125
Asbury,	200	200	Sonora,	40	23
LINWOOD,	300	300	LEWISBURG,	335	317
Red Bank,	300	300	Brookville,	132	132
LOVELAND,	500	414	Pymont,	83	76
Branch-Hill,	150	150	MONROE,	725	725
MIAMI,	250	225	Amanda,	75	58
Ebenezer,	150	150	NEW PARIS,	225	225
Dent,	200	100	New Hope,	75	75
Mt. Hope,	125	125	Gettysburg,	100	100
Shiloh,	100	75	OSBORN,	300	300
NEWTOWN,	185	185	Enon,	150	105
Camp Dennison,	185	185	Fairfield,	160	160
Armstrong Chapel,	225	225	Medway,	150	129
Miamiville,	100	100	PORT UNION,	325	325
Madeira,	165	165	Princeton,	125	100
VENICE, . . . . .	.....	.....	Valley Chapel,	150	100
New Haven,	150	150	SEVEN MILE,	450	450
Okeana,	170	170	Darrtown,	200	200
St. Charles,	150	140	WALKER,	250	250
			Union,	250	250
DAYTON DISTRICT.			WEST CHESTER,	170	170
BETHANY,	\$700	\$700	Tylersville,	130	130
Auburn,	100	100	WEST ELKTON,	123	131
CAMDEN,	300	283	Winchester,	76	76
Somerville,	300	185	Macedonia,	76	76
CENTERVILLE,	600	600	Pleasant Hill,	52	56
Bellebrook,	180	180	Simonson's Chapel,	76	80
Lytle,	106	106			
CONCORD,	175	175	GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.		
Ebenezer,	190	190	ABERDEEN,	\$210	\$220
Union,	100	100	Bradyville,	135	135
Bethany,	73	75	Fitch Chapel,	120	120
FAIR HAVEN,	425	425	Ebenezer,	135	125
Sugar Valley,	230	230	AMELIA,	309	318
FORT JEFFERSON,	210	210	Locust Corner,	189	198
			Union,	103	47

APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....
GEORGETOWN—Continued.			GEORGETOWN—Continued.		
Withamsville,	\$49	\$27	Greenberry,	\$90	\$90
BETHEL,	247	247	Taylor's Chapel,	78	78
Clermont Chapel,	71	57	MASON,	498	369
Lakin,	110	88	Socialville,	150	116
Mt. Olive,	49	49	Union,	245	219
Old Bethel,	126	105	MONTGOMERY,	193	158
BLUE CREEK, . . . . .	.....	.....	Bethel,	240	176
Moore's Chapel,	60	60	Rossmoyne,	185	162
Walmsley,	60	60	Moscow,	181	181
Rocky Fork,	50	50	Calvary,	215	185
High Hill,	50	40	Neville,	110	110
Sunshine, . . . . .	.....	10	Pt. Pleasant,	132	112
BUTLERVILLE,	122	122	OWENSVILLE, . . . . .	.....	.....
Edenton,	101	101	Belfast, . . . . .	.....	.....
McKendree,	51	46	Maple Grove, . . . . .	.....	.....
Wesley,	127	109	Newtonville, . . . . .	.....	.....
CENTENARY,	145	86	PEEBLES,	240	240
Mt. Zion,	107	61	Dunkinsville,	150	107
Perintown,	181	181	Locust Grove,	70	65
Pleasant Hill,	145	118	Jacksonville,	140	140
CHILO,	180	180	SUMMERSIDE,	233	218
Cedron,	120	120	Asbury,	183	179
Higginsport,	75	60	Olive Branch,	183	163
McKendree,	100	82	Salem,	63	63
Smith's Landing,	50	8	WEST UNION,	300	300
DECATUR,	201	193	Liberty,	275	288
Cherry Fork,	117	111	Union,	75	75
Eckmansville,	91	73	Stone,	50	21
Russellville,	141	118	WILLIAMSBURG CIRCUIT, . . . . .	.....	.....
FEESBURG,	72	62	Salem,	100	70
Eden,	314	256	Clover,	112	112
Mt. Zion,	108	68	Branch Hill,	75	55
Pisgah,	130	126	Afton,	112	112
FELICITY,	500	440	Concord,	100	87
Point Isabel,	125	125			
GEORGETOWN,	550	550			
Freesoil,	125	125	HILLSBORO DISTRICT.		
Hilman's,	125	125	BELFAST,	\$170	\$141
GOSHEN,	370	420	Louisville,	170	170
Charleston,	80	80	Flat Run,	110	97
Pleasant Plain,	100	100	Folsom,	80	52
LAUREL,	210	210	London,	170	170
Franklin,	110	78	Prospect,	110	90
Mt. Pisgah,	140	140	BLANCHESTER, . . . . .	.....	.....
Nicholsville,	140	79	Midland City, . . . . .	.....	.....
LEBANON CIRCUIT, . . . . .	.....	.....	BOWERSVILLE,	240	240
Roach Chester, . . . . .	.....	.....	Centre,	300	210
Fort Ancient, . . . . .	.....	.....	Hawes,	117	97
Shiloh, . . . . .	.....	.....	Zion,	57	57
Merrittstown, . . . . .	.....	.....	CLARKSVILLE,	277	252
MAINEVILLE,	450	450	Union,	74	74
Zoar,	150	150	Olive Branch,	196	171
MARATHON,	185	185	Kansas,	107	107
Burdsall,	122	122	Hillsboro Circuit, . . . . .	.....	.....
Fayetteville,	80	80	LEESBURG,	375	375
			Olive Chapel,	180	180

APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....
HILLSBORO—Continued.			SPRINGFIELD—Continued.		
East Monroe,	\$195	\$195	Palmer,	\$115	\$115
MARTINSVILLE,	112	98	Pisgah,	120	125
Westboro,	165	150	Wayne,	75	75
Morrisville,	165	135	CATAWBA,	350	350
Mt. Pleasant,	75	61	Fletcher,	95	95
MT. ORAB, . . . . .	.....	.....	Nation Chapel,	205	205
New Hope, . . . . .	.....	.....	Pleasant Chapel,	130	130
Sardinia, . . . . .	.....	.....	CEDARVILLE,	600	600
Shiloh, . . . . .	.....	.....	Clifton,	100	100
Lynchburg,	315	315	CHRISTIANSBURG,	180	180
Dunn's Chapel,	200	200	Beech Grove,	80	80
Dodsonville,	150	150	McKendree,	190	190
Russell,	150	150	Wesley,	80	55
NEW BURLINGTON,	260	260	COVINGTON, . . . . .	.....	.....
Lumberton,	250	250	Pleasant Hill, . . . . .	.....	.....
Sharon,	250	250	DIALTON (Newson),	330	330
Zoar,	110	110	Asbury,	210	210
NEW LEXINGTON,	400	400	Grafton,	70	70
Clear Creek,	100	100	Simms,	125	125
Memphis,	225	225	KING'S CREEK,	225	227
Samantha,	175	175	Cable,	125	120
NEW JASPER,	592	592	Local Chapel,	65	60
Mt. Tabor,	91	91	MUTUAL,	220	220
White Chapel,	92	92	Union,	230	230
NEW VIENNA, . . . . .	.....	.....	Irwin,	112	92
Auburn, . . . . .	.....	.....	Fountain Park,	150	150
West Chapel, . . . . .	.....	.....	Treacle's Creek,	77	77
RAINSBORO,	265	290	NEW CARLISLE,	525	398
Marshall,	172	172	Donnelsville,	175	114
New Boston,	75	75	NEW MOOREFIELD,	135	135
New Petersburg,	138	113	Moorefield Chapel,	200	186
SINKING SPRING,	225	225	Asbury,	190	161
Carmel,	200	200	Fletcher,	175	152
Conaway,	45	45	SOUTH CHARLESTON,	675	675
Pisgah,	80	80	Selma,	175	175
SUGAR TREE RIDGE,	145	145	SOUTH CHARLESTON CIRC'T, . . . . .	.....	.....
Buford,	110	110	Brighton,	85	61
Danville,	45	41	Vienna Cross Roads,	175	154
Fairfax,	50	49	Pancake Chapel,	175	175
New Market,	50	50	South Solon,	115	95
Wesley,	85	85	Williams Chapel,	150	150
UNION,	260	260	TIPPECANOE CITY,	450	450
Glady,	178	178	West Milton,	150	100
Mt. Holley,	69	69	TREMONT CITY,	203	203
Richland,	162	162	Concord,	416	416
Spring Valley,	225	225	Terre Haute,	128	128
WAYNESVILLE,	730	730	Westville,	184	184
Harveysburg,	150	150	TROY CIRCUIT, . . . . .	.....	.....
Winchester,	250	264	Casstown,	285	252
Emerald,	110	110	Bethel,	170	158
Mt. Olive,	200	188	Raper,	145	145
Seaman's,	200	209	YELLOW SPRINGS,	690	598
			Emory Chapel,	135	135
			Old Town,	75	75
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.					
BRANDT,	90	90			

B. STANDING COMMITTEES.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

THIS Society having in view the wider distribution of the Holy Scriptures, both in this and foreign lands, its interests commend themselves to the approval of all well-disposed people. Being undenominational in its organization and character, no creed or sect assumes pre-eminence in its control or management.

Perhaps for this very reason no single Church acquires the interest in, or puts forth the effort to sustain this work that the merits of the cause should inspire. Owing to the ever-increasing opportunities for the special work of the Bible Society, it is to be regretted that its income has for the past several years steadily fallen off.

The Minutes for 1895 show that the aggregate amount of money raised for this work in the Cincinnati Conference, represented less than one and one-third cents per communicant, and that sixty-seven pastors reported nothing from their charges whatever, while many others reported merely nominal amounts. This ought not to be. Methodism, in common with other denominations, for more than half a century, has enjoyed the blessings and reaped the fruits of the good seed sown by this Society at home and abroad. In return it deserves the generous assistance of our whole denomination.

We therefore urge our preachers to give this work and its claims more thoughtful consideration; and to present the Bible cause to their congregations as worthy of their liberal support, thus aiding in the realization of the expressed hope of our late General Conference, that in the present quadrennium our Church shall do twice as much as in that just past.

G. P. AUSTIN, *Secretary*.
J. E. ABRAMS,
J. R. COLLEY,
THOMAS CUNDY,

W. K. BROWN, *Chairman*.
PHILIP TROUT,
C. T. CRUM,
D. HERR.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

THE Committee on the Examination of the Accounts of the American University, the Publishing Committee, and the Conference Treasurer, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts, and believe them to be correct.

W. T. STAFFORD, *Secretary*.
JOHN WILSON,

J. T. BAIL, *President*.
W. A. WIAIT.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

PRINTING is "the art preservative of all arts." Books are crystallized thoughts. The written Word permanented the gospel. The Protestant Reformation was, humanly speaking, made possible by the immediately precedent art of printing, which enabled the regenerated Church to

disseminate the liberated Bible. The consecrated press is the greatest ally of the pulpit. The silent assistant pastor is a good book. Nothing so overthrows the monotony of life, and expels the loafing, vagrant thoughts of an idle mind as an entertaining book or a bright, breezy paper. Monotony, which is the weariness of existence, is the prolific parent of dissipation and vice. Fill the mind with troops of thought, keeping march to a tune within the heart, and the legions of evil will fly the parade-ground. We express our gratification that the Book Concern is bringing such a variety of refined and devotional literature to the attention of the reading public. The publishing of the Standard Hymn and Tune Book at the low price of thirty dollars a hundred is especially commendable. Every Sunday-school and prayer-meeting should furnish itself with our Standard Hymn-book, and our children and people be taught, through eye, ear, and voice, the theology it contains, the majestic poetry it enshrines, and the stately tunes that accent the truth. Such a course will indoctrinate, elevate taste, and sublimiate devotion, as the ditties and doggerel, the flippancy of air and variety melody of many substitutes can not do.

The WESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE being our home organ, and published in our midst, meets our continued favor, and will engage our energy to increase its circulation. Typographically improved and made more convenient in form, it is now as comely in appearance as excellent in matter. We regret to part with the retiring assisting editor, Dr. Rawlins, but will welcome his successor to the tripod.

Valuable as the Book Concern is to the ministry in its work, relieving as it is to the necessities of Conference claimants, we lament that the Cincinnati Conference stands low in the list of its delinquents. The preacher must be a man of commercial integrity, or be bankrupt of character and suffer in reputation. We strongly urge all debtors to pay these claims at the earliest date, that the house may not be embarrassed in these perilous times in doing its useful work.

The election of Rev. Earl Cranston, D. D., LL. D., to the episcopacy necessitated his removal from the bounds of our Conference. We record our appreciation of his Christian manliness, his brotherly sympathy, and his superior business ability.

We commend the action of the last General Conference in electing him to the episcopacy, and we pray that the blessing of God may rest upon him in the discharge of his duties.

We heartily welcome Rev. Lewis Curts, D. D., Senior Book Agent at Cincinnati, who has taken up his residence among us, and assure him of our co-operation in making successful the large publishing interests of our Church committed to his management.

W. N. MASON, *Secretary.* HOWARD HENDERSON, *Chairman.*
GEORGE T. PERRY.

BOARD OF CONTROL FOR DEACONESS WORK.

THE Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, now in the eighth year of its history, has passed the experimental stage of its career, and taken its place as a recognized and successful agency in the work of our Church. Blot out this Home, and the Methodism, not only of Cincinnati and immediate vicinity, but of our entire Conference and others adjoining, would sorely feel its loss. There have been 40 deaconesses in the Home the past year, including 15 probationers and 5 others working according to the deaconess plan.

In accordance with the provisions of the Discipline, the names and work of the licensed deaconesses are herewith given: Miss Hannah M. Pierce, Superintendent; Miss Celia House, Missionary; Miss Lucy Spence, Massage Nurse; Miss Mary Lee, Superintendent Rescue Home, Columbus, Ohio; Miss Olive Weaver, Nurse; Miss Martha Lebeuss, Pharmacist; Miss

Carra Close, Missionary; Miss Julia Randolph, Missionary; Miss Emma Huston, Kindergartner; Miss Martha Nicolaison, Superintendent Old People's Home, New Orleans, La.; Miss Sarah Doeblor, Missionary; Mrs. Anna H. Sandidge, Clerk; Miss Alice Blazer, Nurse; Miss Emma Stone, Nurse; Miss Wilhelmina Tischendorf, Nurse; Miss Clara Solomon, Nurse; Miss Lena Rembold, Nurse.

The Home has done its largest and most efficient work the past year notwithstanding the loss of eight of the most valued workers, who entered the newly-organized German Home on Mt. Auburn. Since the beginning of the Home, the training-school has not reached the high state of efficiency that marks it now. In this connection we can not speak too highly of the splendid services rendered by Mrs. Lucy Herron Parker in the work of instruction.

When we speak of the Deaconess Home we have in mind almost necessarily the work of Christ's Hospital. If the hospital and physicians are among the most potent factors in the work of our foreign fields—the healing of the body that the way may be opened for the healing of the soul—so they are in like manner helpful in the work at home. The hospital fulfills a large part of the mission of the Church to the afflicted; makes their hearts receptive to the gospel, and through these gracious ministrations to the suffering; inclines the sympathies of multitudes to the Church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Roman Catholics, ever keen and alert to what will fasten their hold upon the sympathies of the world at large, have made immense use of this agency, and we believe that the highest wisdom will lead the Protestant Church more and more to develop this power. It is, therefore, a matter of the keenest regret to report that so few of our Churches have seemed to appreciate the value of this cause. Only 69 out of our 161 charges, representing 294 appointments, have taken collections contributing \$3,816. Surely, when this Home, with its beautiful ministries of love, stands with open doors to receive the afflicted from our charges, we ought to respond, and give it increased facilities for doing the blessed work to which it has been consecrated, especially since a large part of the work is entirely gratuitous, the report of the Corresponding Secretary showing that this amounts to \$21,510.31 in the hospital alone. An additional reason for generous support is, that the Home carries a debt of \$9,548.14. It is gratifying to report that in this year of almost unexampled financial depression the debt was reduced over \$3,000.

The amount of money received and expended will best be shown by the financial statement of the Corresponding Secretary, which is as follows:—Total assets, \$34,350; total indebtedness, \$11,548.14; decrease in 1896, \$1,123.17. Total donations received in 1896, \$16,343.50; increase in 1896, \$5,002.06. Total cash receipts, \$28,264.37; increase in cash received in 1896 over 1895, \$9,440.34. Total receipts, \$31,807.21; increase in 1896, \$10,607.16. Total amount from all sources from the beginning, \$166,513.79. Expenses for the year 1896, \$22,054.54. Free work by Christ's Hospital, \$9,510.31; by Medical Staff, \$12,000; total, \$21,510.31.

We again commend most warmly our deaconess work to the sympathy and co-operation of the pastors and charges of the Conference. We heartily indorse the request of the Board of Trustees for the re-appointment of Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., as Corresponding Secretary.

We recommend, as heretofore, the observance of the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving-day as Hospital Sunday, urging the pastors to present the work of the Home and Hospital and take a collection for the cause.

We recommend the renewal of the licenses of the 17 deaconesses named in the report, members of the Home; also that of Miss Ida Pennell, recommended by Christie Chapel.

J. W. MASON, *President*.

M. M. KUGLER, *Secretary*.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

DURING the thirty years of the existence of the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, it has aided nearly ten thousand Churches.

In many places in our great and ever-changing Western domain, the material aid thus afforded has been the nucleus that has made possible the growth and development of Methodism.

Many congregations are to-day worshipping in convenient and comfortable houses because of this fact, that otherwise would but rarely have the gospel preached to them. And even in the older portions of our country, scores of Churches, that have been crippled by misfortune, or which because of financial weakness were unable to occupy the vantage-ground necessary to prosperity; have, by its help, been enabled to recover from misfortune and placed on the high road to success.

Thus this Society has become a potent factor in the civilization and evangelization of our country. With pleasure we note the fact, that several Churches within the bounds of the Cincinnati Conference, which stood in great need, have been materially aided.

In recognition of the efficient management of the past, we congratulate the Church upon the wise action of the late General Conference in the re-election of Drs. Kynett and Spencer as Corresponding Secretaries of the Society, with Dr. Hard as assistant.

We earnestly recommend the most careful presentation of the work and needs of this Society in all our charges, that our people may appreciate the importance of rallying to its support.

J. R. HILL, *Secretary.*

D. J. STARR, *Chairman.*

J. G. BLACK,

O. D. BECKER,

T. G. WILLIAMS,

B. D. HYPES,

W. P. JACKSON,

J. A. WINKLER.

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.

YOUR Committee feel sure they express the gratitude of this body to God for preserving the health of our beloved Bishop Merrill during this session, and for the completion of his semi-centennial in the ministry, begun at a Conference held in this Church.

Resolved, 1. That we tender our heartfelt thanks to our presiding Bishop for the calm, wise, and courteous manner in which he has managed the business of the Conference, and express the hope that he may be preserved to meet with us again.

We also return our thanks to Bishop Walden for his presence and able assistance, and voice the feeling of gladness caused by the presence and addresses of Bishop Thoburn.

2. That we express the gratitude of the Conference to the pastors of Greene Street and Grace Churches, and the citizens of Piqua, for the very cordial reception given and the bounteous and gratifying entertainment provided. Also to the different pastors for the use of their churches and pulpits.

3. That our thanks are due the secretaries and treasurer and their able assistants for the admirable manner in which they have discharged their duties.

4. We have greatly enjoyed the music furnished by the choir, and the beautiful floral decorations by the ladies.

5. We thank the newspapers for their excellent reports, the railroads for favors, the railroad secretary for his kindness.

6. We return our thanks to the postmaster and his able assistants, the daughters of the pastor of this Church; also to our kind and polite pages. Respectfully submitted.

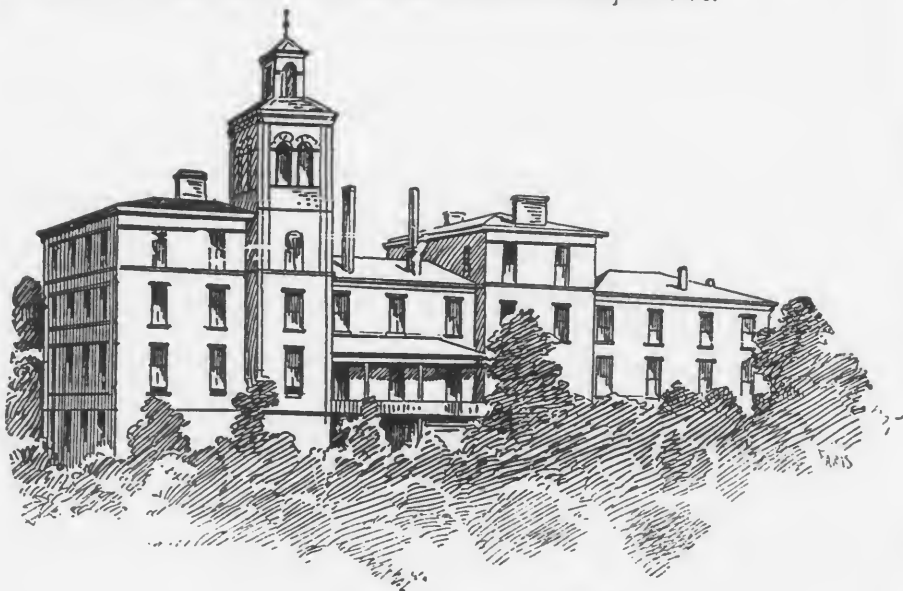
H. W. BAILEY, *Secretary*.
M. M. KUGLER,

D. LEE AULTMAN, *Chairman*.
D. J. STARR.

DEACONESS HOME AND CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.

THE splendid results obtained this last year through this charity of the Church, in its financial success and its more extended usefulness, attests at once the increasingly strong sympathy and the support it has awakened in the patronizing Conferences, and the benediction of a humanity-loving Lord.

We recommend a more general observance of Hospital-day, on the Sabbath preceding Thanksgiving, for the purpose not only of procuring funds for the institution, but also that the people may be informed of the work accomplished and the needs that are imperative.



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL, CINCINNATI.

It is hoped, in anticipation of the presentation of this cause, pastors will read and preserve the data incorporated in the report contained in the Conference issue of the Western.

In view of the far-reaching influence, the importance, and the location of this institution within the bounds of our Conference, we commend to the Epworth League the opportunity presented of sending through its Mercy and Help Department, supplies—such as canned fruit and vegetables—to this charity, and we trust that the Chapters within our territory may help in every possible way. The healthy reaction upon our young people, as well as the relief they may afford, makes such action desirable.

Recognizing the difficulty in these trying times of operating a charity, and appreciating the strenuous efforts of the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Dr. H. C. Weakley, we unqualifiedly commend his administration, and heartily indorse the request of the Board for his reappointment.

We recommend the following named as our Conference Board of Control of Deaconess Work: J. W. Mason, M. M. Kugler, H. C. Weakley, Mrs. Bishop J. M. Walden, Mrs. W. B. Shattuc, Mrs. Dr. T. H. Pearne, S. K. Harter, Hon. B. R. Cowen, J. N. Gamble, Esq.

For the Committee.

M. B. FULLER, *Secretary*.

EDUCATION.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

It gives your Committee great pleasure to note the steady advancement of the Ohio Wesleyan University, under its most excellent President, Dr. J. W. Bashford. The grounds are being beautified, new buildings being erected, the library equipped anew, an observatory almost completed, new lines of advanced study projected, the spiritual life of the students promoted, so that the Ohio Wesleyan University, in its widespread influence for good, stands pre-eminent among the Methodist colleges of the land.

During the past year Dr. Duvall, in the chair of Philosophy; Dr. Albert Mann, in that of Biology; Dr. W. F. Oldham, in that of Missions and Comparative Religions; and Miss Clara Nelson, in that of French,—have been added to the working force of the Faculty.

We note with interest also the plan to increase the number of teachers in the Preparatory Department. Inasmuch as nine-tenths of all the college students come to it through the Preparatory Department, its apparatus and instruction should be of the highest order. The Association of the Cleveland Medical College seems to suggest the idea of a university; but we take this occasion to express the profound conviction that the strength of the college will not lie in its university idea, but in its further development in proper collegiate work.

The unproductive property of the University amounts to \$562,000, its productive property to \$493,000, making a total of \$1,055,000. The liabilities are \$44,000, making the surplus assets \$1,011,000. Yet the University is in great need of money, and must have it, or be crippled in its plans for the future. This is especially true in view of the advanced facilities for education under State control. Let our people remember it in their wills. Let them give of their ample store. Let them send their sons and daughters. Let them concentrate upon Delaware, so that by their efforts, gifts, and prayers, they may make this our one great Methodist center of education in Ohio.

We most devoutly trust that the health of our loved and honored President, Dr. Bashford, may be fully restored by the year of absence in Europe, and that he may return invigorated for the great work devolving upon him.

In 1844 the doors of the Ohio Wesleyan University were first opened for students. The next year the famous trio—Williams, Merrick, and McCabe—was completed by the election of Lorenzo Dow McCabe to a professorship. Last year this distinguished minister, who is an honored member of this Conference, completed a full jubilee of years as a professor in that Institution, and was elected Emeritus Professor of Philosophy and Vice-President of the University.

The length of this remarkable career is only equaled by the affectionate remembrance in which he is held by the twenty-five hundred Alumni of the University. They love him as a friend, and prize him as a teacher. It is a privilege which God rarely gives to a man to so transfuse with his own life the lives of so many bright young minds. In this case the life of our friend was beautiful and Christlike, ever inspiring to noble and godly deeds.

We gladly place on record this expression of our admiration for the life and splendid services of this eminent member of our Conference. May he long be spared to farther bless the Church and the world, and when permitted to depart and be with Christ, may he have an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom!

We nominate as Visitors, W. A. Robinson, Heber D. Ketcham; as trustee, Bishop J. M. Walden.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

We rejoice to learn that during the past year our theological schools have enjoyed increased prosperity, and have graduated large classes, many members of which are men of superior fitness for success as pastors in our Church.

Our theological schools, as the Discipline affirms, exist for the benefit of the whole Church. They belong to the entire connection, and they deserve patronage and support by the Church independent of geographical boundaries.

We deprecate the multiplication of these institutions. The Church has now a sufficient number to meet its wants for many years to come, and it is earnestly hoped that these may have the most generous support, and continue to be, as we now believe they are, fountains of sound theology, genuine scholarship, and eminent spirituality.

We recommend all young men intending to enter our ministry, to secure the most thorough equipment available, and we remind them that a call to preach in this age is a call to make the best possible preparation for this highest vocation of life. We would urge upon them the importance of securing theological training, but would guard them against the mistake of making the Theological School serve as a *substitute* for the Preparatory School and the College. We repeat the recommendation made last year, "that these schools give special instruction in: Sociology, or the application of Christianity to the great social and practical questions of our times. We are grateful to notice that lectures on missionary subjects are being given at some of these schools, and we recommend that they give increasing emphasis to the various phases of the missionary work of the Church, so that the ministry of to-morrow may be fully furnished with weapons for successful warfare in the great battles of social reform and of world-wide evangelization."

We recommend for Visitors to Boston School of Theology, C. H. Payne, J. W. Magruder; for Drew Theological Seminary, A. B. Leonard, W. G. Warner; and for Garrett Biblical Institute, C. H. Haines.

SPRINGFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL.

We recommend the election of the following named to served three years as trustees: J. A. Hayward, S. D. Clayton, P. C. Curnick, C. W. Barnes, G. W. Dubois, and V. F. Brown.

On their election, the full Board will be constituted as follows: Term to expire in 1897: Robert Johnson, J. S. Shewalter, J. K. Mower, J. Pearson, E. T. Wells, T. H. Pearne.

Term to expire in 1898: P. P. Mast, H. S. Showers, W. R. Warnock, J. F. Marlay, W. Runyan, F. G. Mitchell, J. A. Story, J. A. Hayward.

Term to expire in 1889: S. D. Clayton, P. C. Curnick, C. W. Barnes, G. W. Dubois, and V. F. Brown.

THE HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

Though the work of the year in the Hillsboro College has been carried through to a successful completion, Rev. C. F. Enyart, the President, preferring no longer to carry the heavy financial burden of the school, has resigned, and Professor George P. Clarke has been elected in his place.

During the year the decision of the Supreme Court has been handed down, denying the right of appeal in the case of the verdict of the lower courts, which refused the right of the dissolution of the College, as asked by seven of the trustees, thus leaving the Conference the right of electing eight of the fifteen.

A petition has been forwarded to the Cincinnati Conference, signed by twenty-five members of the Alumni of the College, asking that this Conference release its claims on the property, so that the school might be conducted by the Alumni of the College under a reorganization.

In response to the petition, we would say that, owing to the advanced facilities of education in Ohio, grave difficulties lie in the way of maintaining any academy with meager endowment. This fact will apply to the Hillsboro school, whether under the control of the Conference, the Alumni, or the holders of certificates of scholarship, and we would suggest the need of protecting the Conference trust in case of any dissolution of the school in the future. There were large subscriptions raised in the inception of the enterprise by the agent of the Conference. At a later date \$5,600 were raised in the Conference, and mostly among the ministers, to help the college. These were given for the cause of Christian education, and constitute a sacred trust for which the Conference must be responsible. The Conference would gladly relinquish all control upon any terms which would honorably meet its obligations. We therefore recommend the appointment of a Commission of three, consisting of Dr. William Runyan, Dr. T. H. Pearne, and Rev. G. H. Dart, any two of whom to have power to elect a third in case of a vacancy, the same to have full power to adjust all relationship of the Conference with the institution as in their judgment may seem best.

We would nominate for election the following eight persons as trustees to represent the Conference for the coming year: Jacob Sayler, W. C. Duckwall, George Barrere, Charles Harsha, O. N. Sams, J. B. Worley, the presiding elder of the Hillsboro District, and the pastor of the Hillsboro Church. We recommend, also, that the eight Conference trustees have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number in any way in the *interim* of the Conference sessions.

BALTIMORE WOMAN'S COLLEGE.

We congratulate our people and the general public on the existence of this institution for the education of women. While it is of the highest grade, its rates are low, its Faculty consists of specialists of university training, its situation is delightful, and its success remarkable. It is worthy of fullest confidence, and is heartily commended to general patronage.

We recommend as Visitors Dr. C. H. Payne and Dr. Geo. K. Morris.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We note with pleasure that the Board of Education has had a prosperous year in all departments of its work. The efforts made to bring all the colleges of the Church into closer relationship with the Church has met with gratifying success. Nearly all the colleges have cheerfully adopted the curricula formulated by the University Senate, the effect of which must prove salutary, both in giving our colleges a higher standing among other institutions of learning and in securing a larger attendance of students.

Children's-day has lost none of its popularity. In spite of the financial depression, the collection taken that day in aid of students increased last year. The Board is now aiding annually between 1,500 and 1,600 students in more than 130 institutions of learning. It is to be hoped that the disciplinary requirements will be carried out, and that Children's-day will be observed in every Sunday-school, and a collection will be taken in every school for this specific object.

We commend the wise and vigorous administration of the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., LL. D., and congratulate the Church upon the re-election of one as the Secretary of our Educational Society who stands unexcelled in the ministry of our Church.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

We renew our expressions of interest and confidence in the American University, and our assurances of co-operation in carrying forward to completion this great enterprise of the Church. We believe that this univer-

sity, when completed, will not only be the fitting head and crown of our educational system, but that it will add to the strength, dignity, and usefulness of our institutions of learning.

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

We recommend the following officers: President, J. P. Porter; Vice-President, Howard Henderson; Secretary, A. B. Austin; Treasurer, E. W. Mullikin; additional members, John W. Dale, James M. DeCamp, Theodore F. Spear, James N. Gamble.

WM. RUNYAN, *Chairman*.

HEBER D. KETCHAM, *Secretary*.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

THE world never needed trained men and women so much as at the present. The Methodist Episcopal Church has long since recognized this fact, and has added the Epworth League to her other forces, in which an army one million three hundred thousand strong is being trained to meet and conquer the difficulties of life. We are glad we have such an organization. We rejoice over the progress we have made, and we believe the Epworth League is doing as much, if not more, to train our young people for Christian work than all other influences combined. Commendations come from all sources. The pastor and presiding elder testify that it has been a power in every department of Church-work. It is estimated that one-half million souls have been won for Christ through the influence of the Epworth League during the last quadrennium. For all this we devoutly thank God.

We want to emphasize the fact that the Epworth League is a religious organization. Its work is to train and develop character. Therefore we advise against any attempt to make it a mere collecting agency, and would urge every pastor to see to it that the Epworth League in his charge adopt some means of educating the young people in systematic giving and all matters pertaining to our Church benevolences. In other words, we do not want to see any separation of Church and League in the financial support it gives to the Church and her various benevolent enterprises.

We believe the Epworth League has reached such proportions as to be worthy of a place in our statistics, and therefore recommend that the membership and expenditures be reported and published in the Minutes of the Conference.

We heartily recommend the reading course for 1896-97. We urge pastors to use their influence in having it adopted by the Epworth League, and also to supplement this course by giving special instruction in the history, doctrines, and polity of our Church.

The *Epworth Herald* continues to be, as it has been in the past, a potent factor in the advancement of Epworth League work. It is one of the brightest and best of our official papers. We urge Epworth Leaguers everywhere to loyally support it.

We cordially indorse and commend to our people the Convention of the Fifth General Conference District to be held in Columbus next November.

We recommend that the Conference Epworth League President and the Committee on Public Worship arrange for an Epworth League anniversary at the next session of our Annual Conference.

Resolved, That we request the Annual Fifth General Conference District Epworth League Convention, which is to be held in Columbus next November, to organize a State Epworth League to take the place of the present Fifth General Conference District organization.

U. G. HUMPHREY, *Secretary*.

H. D. KETCHAM, *President*.

S. W. CAMPBELL,

M. KAUFFMAN,

GEO. W. VORHIS,

GEO. V. MORRIS,

L. E. PRENTISS,

W. L. Y. DAVIS.

FINANCE.

THE visible Church of Christ and the rapid spread of the gospel over the world depend largely upon the righteous use which the people of God make of their money. It is generally conceded that all nations are now open for the ingress of the gospel with its attendant blessings; but to maintain the helpful institutions of Christian civilization, money is an absolute necessity.

That so large a proportion of our Church membership neglect to contribute in a regular and systematic order to the support of the Church, is a fact which is to be deeply deplored, and a mistake which ought to be corrected by the adoption of a more generous and gospel-like method of finance. Possibly a greater number of persons contribute to the maintenance of religion than is shown by our statistical tables, yet there is great need of constant teaching upon the subject of Christian beneficence. We therefore submit for your adoption the following declaration :

As far as possible, we will persuade our Churches to adopt the financial plan suggested by the Discipline, and, further, urge them to observe the plain, simple, practical gospel rule of giving, viz.: "Every one to lay by in store as God hath prospered, and to be given on the first day of the week."

These rules adopted and enforced, we believe, will obviate the necessity of advocating doubtful measures by the Churches of securing the needed supplies for carrying forward and maintaining the work of God.

S. G. POLLARD, *Secretary*.

W. J. BAKER, *Chairman*.

FREEDMEN'S AID.

THIS Society has done a noble work in the education of the Negro. Ministers of all denominations are graduates of its schools. Many teachers have through its agency been prepared for positions in public and denominational schools. Three hundred Christian physicians of African descent have been educated in the medical schools, comprising three-fourths of all the Negro physicians of the Southern States.

The large increase of Negro population in our midst makes it necessary that they be trained to Christian citizenship. The Methodist Episcopal Church has thirty-six Annual Conferences in what was slave territory, with a membership of 573,868.

The educational work of this vast section rests largely upon this Society. The momentous task of caring for more than eight millions of people of African descent confronts us. The Cincinnati Conference gave its first contribution to the Freedmen's Aid Society in 1869, and has made an annual contribution ever since. The whole amount contributed by the Conference, including the amount paid in 1895, is \$88,184, or an average of \$3,266 per year. The apportionment for the past quadrennium has been \$6,400 per year. The average payment during the same time has been \$4,581, a little more than seventy per cent of the amount asked of us. We congratulate ourselves on having had a generous apportionment, and also on having paid above the average of the Conferences to this worthy cause. The contributions for the past year fell off nearly one half from the average of the previous five years. This is to be regretted as the Society greatly needs all that has been apportioned to relieve its embarrassment of debt, although the last quadrennium has not increased the debt. We suggest an unusual effort to meet our apportionment, and pledge ourselves to cheerfully carry out such plans for the relief of the Society as the Board may suggest.

We desire to express our approbation of the services and contributions of Dr. R. S. Rust, a member of this Conference, who was for twenty years

the Corresponding Secretary, and to the widow of a generous-hearted member, Rev. A. Meharry, who has lovingly and largely aided the Conference in paying what it has. We will follow with earnest prayers the former Secretary, who is now Missionary Bishop of Africa.

Respectfully submitted.
WILBUR G. WARNER, *Secretary*.

J. P. PORTER, *Chairman*.

MISSIONS.

YOUR Committee, appointed to consider the general subject of missions, begs leave to report as follows:

The importance and greatness of the subject can not well be overestimated; for its widening circles, sweeping through domestic and foreign missions, encompass the whole world. The missionary spirit is the spirit of the gospel, and none can obey the command to go and preach to all nations who fails to be in sympathy with missionary labor.

Resolved, That we have heard of the decrease in our Conference missionary collection with profound regret, and will do all in our power to retrieve the loss during the next Conference year.

Resolved, That we recommend and urge all of our pastors, who have not done so, to observe Debt-paying Day in the near future.

We recognize with pleasure the loyalty of our Church to this great benevolence during the unprecedented financial depression.

We recommend to the authorities of our Church, and especially to the General Missionary Committee, that retrenchment be made wherever possible without serious detriment to our literature.

Resolved, That we approve the plan of our Missionary Secretaries of establishing, in our local Churches, missionary libraries, and will co-operate with them in thus disseminating missionary literature.

Resolved, That we commend the plan adopted by the last General Conference for promoting more perfect district and Conference missionary organizations.

Resolved, That we recommend systematic giving for the support of the great benevolent enterprises as well as for the maintenance of the local Church, and urge that persistent effort be made to introduce this plan.

Resolved, That we congratulate the Woman's Foreign and Woman's Home Missionary Societies on their great prosperity.

Resolved, That we congratulate Dr. Leonard on his re-election as Missionary Secretary for another quadrennium, and pledge to him and to the missionary cause our hearty co-operation.

J. G. VAUGHAN, *Secretary*.

G. W. DUBOIS, *President*.

PARSONAGES.

WE note with pleasure the interest manifested by numerous charges within the bounds of the Cincinnati Conference in providing comfortable and suitable homes for their pastors. Upon the convenience of the parsonage homes depends much of the comfort and happiness of the pastors and their families.

We earnestly recommend to all charges that may yet be without parsonages the importance of purchasing or building homes especially adapted to the needs of pastors.

There should be greater uniformity among charges of the same class in providing all necessary heavy furniture, thus saving both pastors and charges unnecessary moving expenses. Parsonage committees can render

valuable and greatly appreciated services by giving attention to the little needs and conveniences of the parsonage home.

We further suggest the importance of ministers exercising diligent care over the property which they occupy, together with the furniture and grounds belonging thereto.

At last report there were 117 parsonages, aggregating in value \$288,550.

Respectfully submitted. B. F. OSWALD, *Sec.*, WALTER S. GRAY,
W. H. WEHRLEY, W. E. SPURRIER,
S. W. CAREY, JOHN A. WHITE,
WILLIAM M. WEST,

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

WE recognize the Sabbath-day as Divine in its origin. It has not come to us through human appointment, but with the authority of "Thus saith the Lord." The great law-giver, Moses, in speaking to the chosen people, Israel, saith, "The Lord hath given you the Sabbath." And again we find, in the Ten Commandments, that the Lord calls our attention to the Sabbath-day with a special emphasis when he says, "Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy." And again, the Divine utterance is, "Speak thou unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily, my Sabbaths ye shall keep." These passages of Holy Writ, and many others, furnish abundant evidence of the Divine origin of the day and that God designs it to be observed as a day of rest from ordinary labor, and a day on which we should give special attention to the will of God touching our spiritual interests. We are convinced, as we look upon the actions of multitudes on the Sabbath in these latter days, that there is an alarming disregard for God's holy day. In many of our cities there are special efforts made to fill the places of modern amusements on the Lord's-day with the great, worldly, pleasure-loving multitude. In view of this state of things, we feel it to be the special duty of all Christians to discourage this Sabbath desecration by absenting themselves from such places. We are further convinced that it is not wise to encourage, in any way, the idea that modern methods in the world have a perfect right to set aside the Divine idea and purpose of the Sabbath-day.

We recognize the Sabbath as instituted in Infinite Wisdom for the highest good of all humanity, and that this good can only come to us, as a people, when we keep this day in the spirit and in the way God indicates in his Holy Word. We are united in our opposition to the modern Sunday newspaper, believing that it is doing great harm to our people and great violence to the spirit of the Sabbath-day. We humbly pray that our Methodist people may be able to see that, in patronizing the Sunday newspaper, they not only violate the Sabbath commandment themselves, but encourage and assist others to do so. We also deprecate the running of railroad trains on the Lord's day, and the patronizing of them by our preachers and lay members.

We would therefore pledge ourselves to aid in all proper efforts to secure to our people and to our land a Christian Sabbath with all of its blessings.

We recommend that all the pastors of our Conference devote at least one day to the presentation of the Sabbath question during the coming year.

G. L. TRAVIS, *Secretary*. A. N. SPAHR, *President*.
CREIGHTON WONES, E. S. GADDIS,
E. H. CHERINGTON, J. P. SHULTZ.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CAUSE.

WE would emphasize the importance to the Church of the work of the Sunday-school. Her richest harvest may be expected from the religious teaching and training of her youth. On account of the many false teachers and temptations to wrong in this day, there is great need that the mind of the child, to be saved to the Church and God, should be early instilled with correct ideas of the teachings of the Word of God. Hence great care should be exercised that the best men and women be chosen for officers and teachers in the Sabbath-school, whose spiritual experience, intelligence, and aptness to teach is the best that can be had. And, in order that their efficiency be still increased, we would emphasize the importance of teachers' meetings, and recommend normal classes for their training wherever practicable.

We are glad to note the important work the Sunday-school Union is carrying on with so small an expenditure. It recommends itself to the Church, and its success demands a liberal support.

WM. M. COFFMAN, *Secretary*.

A. T. COWGILL, *Chairman*.

TRACT CAUSE.

THE tract is a great evangelizing instrumentality, and has long held a place among the agencies of God in turning sinners to righteousness. The tract is adapted to almost every variety of need. In this busy age the demand for tract literature is ever increasing.

We would recommend that pastors call the tract to their aid in educating our people to systematic giving. Our Book Concern supplies an admirable tract that serves this end,—Dr. Gordon's tract, entitled "God's Tenth."

We also recommend that we do our part to raise our Conference apportionment for this cause, the sum of \$1,100.

R. S. MCCOLM, *Secretary*.

JOHN H. LEASE.

TEMPERANCE.

THE mission of the Church, and of each individual member, is like that of the Divine Master, the destruction of the works of the devil. One of the greatest of these is the sale and use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage. It is the great, overshadowing, overmastering, all-embracing foe of every interest, social, political, financial, and moral. It can quite truly be styled "the sum of all villainies." It is the prolific source of all manner of crime, misery, and want; the enemy of all that is good. It has produced such grave social, commercial, industrial, political, and moral wrongs as to menace the welfare of every household, the safety of our most cherished institutions, and the very existence of the Nation itself.

The evils flowing from this great curse are declared by a great English statesman to exceed those produced by war, pestilence, and famine combined. Such a curse can only exist by the force of its own inherent depravity, by the indifference of those who should antagonize it, by the authority of law, or by all of these combined. It seeks to perpetuate itself by a perverted appetite, a grasping avarice, bribing citizens by a revenue from tax or license, intimidation of voters, candidates for office, business men, and even ministers of the gospel, by a threatened boycott, if not by violence in various forms.

The liquor power has no party and no politics that is not subservient to its interests. It seeks to silence ministers and the Church, and will

work through any political party that will obey its behest. The destruction of this giant evil is the great work of our times. In comparison with this all other public questions are but secondary.

Professor J. J. McCook, in the *Forum*, in 1892, said: "Anybody who can see must know that, considered merely as a question of social economy, of dollars and cents, of tax bills, and public convenience generally, the drink question is the question of the day." The saloon says it is a profit to the Nation: it pays two hundred millions of dollars a year for license. The Nation pays two billions for liquor. It returns eight cents of every dollar it is permitted to take. It also returns 25,000 lunatics, 50,000 paupers, and enough criminals to fill 50 penitentiaries and 2,000 jails. The Nation pays to support its lunatics, \$5,000,000; \$10,000,000 for its paupers; and \$200,000,000 for its criminals. In addition to this, the ruin of families, the loss of character, the eternal ruin of souls, and then the awful devastation is not fully told.

For all this there is a remedy. It should be speedily applied. The failure of earnest and faithful effort to do this involves guilt as great as the evil. Total abstinence by the individual, and total prohibition by the State will accomplish it: abstinence for the drinker, and prohibition for the traffic.

To secure this, education by the pulpit and the press is necessary. Silence is surrender and criminal. Temperance truth should be expressed in *action*; it should be crystallized into law, and law should be executed, and officers should be elected who will legislate and also execute.

It is ever true that this terribly destructive traffic "can not be legalized without sin;" neither can it be consented to or passively allowed without guilt. We must be vigorous and various in our efforts for its destruction. This work must not be left alone to educational processes, nor relegated to political and legal measures: it requires all of these prosecuted with *persistence to the finish*. By partisan and non-partisan agencies, by the use of all legitimate means that are efficient, we must prosecute this work with the same zeal and persistency with which the liquor-traffic strives to perpetuate itself.

This Conference, in its action of last year, uttered noble words when it said: "For humanity's sake, those who give their political influence to the saloon must, without mercy, be politically destroyed. So long as those who *would* serve us can not do so without political destruction, and those who hate our cause are permitted with impunity to obstruct its advance, we shall be the scorn and derision of all observers. Only when we stand together and hit hard shall we secure from the foes of this great reform the respect it deserves, and from the indifferent their co-operation."

Like other forms of sin, it demands as the aim and result of all effort absolute prohibition—utter destruction. In the words of our recent General Conference, "All members of the Methodist Episcopal Church who enjoy the elective franchise should so use that solemn trust as to promote the rescue of our country from the guilt and dishonor which have been brought upon it by a criminal complicity with the liquor-traffic." We would not lower the standard of our previous deliverances, but would rather intensify them.

In so far as the Christian Citizenship League, the Anti-Saloon League of which Rev. R. E. Smith of our Conference is a field secretary, and other forms of organized temperance effort look toward the utter annihilation of the saloon, we will encourage and co-operate with them.

The great temperance reform will *triumph*. We have faith in God, faith in the truth, and faith in humanity. Faber has well written:

"But right is right since God is God,
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin."

T. P. WALTER, *Secretary*.

S. B. SMITH, *Chairman*.
JAS. STEPHENSON.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

THE Church of Christ is irradiated by high ideals. Its state at any given time is its realization of those ideals by conformity to its standards and accomplishment of its program.

MATERIAL INTERESTS.

The deepening financial depression has invaded our material prosperity. Church erection, however, has been favored by the reduction in price of materials consequent upon the stringency. Contractors regard this as rather a grateful opportunity for them than a taking advantage of their misfortunes.

The losses of our benevolent enterprises, we are pained to say, have no such mitigations. Their necessities have not contracted with straitened circumstances.

We gladly note, however, a growing self-denial and closer attention to systematic beneficence. In concurrence with the utterances of the last Address of the Bishops, we earnestly commend to our people the Scriptural doctrine of Christian stewardship.

We believe that, though noble sacrifice can not meet the level of former contributions, it yet inspires in all true Methodists the appeal of faith to the God of all resources for supplies needed in his work. Largely because of this, our treasuries are in no worse a condition than they are. May this appeal of prayer be unceasingly made, both in public and private!

THE EDUCATIONAL ATTITUDE OF THE CHURCH.

We regard with thanksgiving our magnificent educational advances. The genius of Methodism is equipped for extended influence in circles of culture. Her representatives command the highest respect in philosophic and critical fields.

Methodist schools, literature, and homes are the fountains of a culture not less thorough or current because unworldly, unselfish, and tempered with the obedience of Christ. Our success in many quarters is mainly owing to the exhibition of that finest excellence of culture only to be found in connection with Christian experience and earnestness. With no concessions to worldliness, it yet guards its congeniality with all true refinement that thus the ministries of grace be without offense. We commend the high grade of ministerial preparation required, the advanced standards of our educators, and the splendid aspirations and strenuous efforts of an immense number of our young people for the best possible discipline.

CONNECTIONALISM.

Changing conditions of population constantly throw greater strain upon our connectionalism. Comparative depopulation of rural districts and consequent congestion of cities confronts us with a twofold problem. Doubtless many Methodists are in our cities, who, in strange surroundings, perhaps in impoverished circumstances, hesitate to affiliate with any Church.

We suggest that pastors of all persons moving to the cities find and send their addresses to our city pastors, who, in turn, should call upon them at their earliest convenience. The responsibilities urged by the necessities of our rural work are no less. In not a few districts, Churches have been abandoned because of removal of members. Often those remaining can not attend more distant places of worship. Hence ensues decadence of spiritual life and morals. We should minister to such localities by utilizing our lay helpers for preaching, holding cottage prayer-meetings, and in some cases re-establishing Sabbath-schools.

We believe these simple measures will conserve the spiritual interests of many now endangered by their unfortunate circumstances.

SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCH.

Protestantism is rising to a new emphasis upon heart-purity, holy living, the witness and baptism of the Holy Spirit, missionary zeal, and faithfulness to the humanities of the Sermon on the Mount. This is a proof of Christ living in his Church. And Methodism is second to none in urging these great principles. She proves her spirituality by her devotion to her high ideals; wide-spread revivals, and regeneration of thousands attest as their sufficient cause, at least a nucleus of spiritual life in our Churches.

But many members are below experimental privilege, and perhaps indifferent to responsibilities of service. Only the "people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits" in winning men to him.

All professing Christ among us should be urged to seek the witness of the Spirit as the only sure evidence of conversion. We should strive to bring our membership to more hearty religion and service by unceasing secret prayer for them by name, and by contriving opportunities of prayer in every family; not so particularly praying for their gracious enlargement as to defeat our object by offensiveness, but by invoking the Divine blessing upon interests we know to be dear to them, to lead them to prize as dear their spiritual interests and obligations. We should engage every member in Church-work. Church-work often turns to Christ's work in the hands of the worker, and becomes to him a revelation of the Master. We believe immense evangelistic success waits upon enlistment of energies now dormant in the Church largely "because no man hath hired" them. Our Epworth League is splendidly developing much of this force.

We are asked to mention the Charles Wesley Brotherhood, an organization which had its origin during the past year among the laymen of the Walnut Hills Church. It has spread to a dozen Churches in Cincinnati District. Its objects are to thoroughly organize the male members of our Churches for aggressive Christian work along spiritual, social, and fraternal lines. It is subordinate to the Quarterly Conference of the Church where organized, and the pastor is an *ex-officio* member. We call attention to this Society as a new development in Church-life.

REVIVALS.

Thanking God for signal blessings in revival of the work, we yet feel that we do not reach the measure of our obligations and possibilities. Perhaps preaching should be more Scriptural, direct, evangelistic. Perhaps visitation of the people should be more thorough and systematic. We suggest that, whenever practicable, residence prayer-meetings be held weekly. The informality of such meetings will sink religious concerns more deeply into the every-day life of the people. They will utilize neighborliness and congenialities for the ministries of saving grace.

We recommend these time-honored methods, believing, that under the Spirit, they will still prove of great blessing in the edification of the Church and the conversion of souls.

J. W. MAGRUDER, *Secretary.*

JOHN J. MCCABE,

G. H. SMITH,

L. M. DAVIS,

JOHN PEARSON, *President.*

C. W. BARNES,

J. P. NINDE,

D. S. EWRY.

C.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

R. H. RUST, Presiding Elder.

The past year has been one of the most trying in the history of the Cincinnati Conference. The present financial crisis has been felt in every part of the district. All classes have been under the heaviest pressure, and the interests of the Churches and benevolences have seriously suffered. The incomes of the rich have been greatly reduced, and the middle classes, where the strength of Methodism largely rests, have been forced to practice the strictest economy. Wages have been reduced; many have been thrown entirely out of employment, and large numbers have been able to secure work only a part of the time. Under these circumstances the results of the past year are encouraging, and the Churches have done nobly, and bravely met their weighty responsibilities.

Marked material advances in times like these are out of the question. Persistent effort has been made to keep the Churches and benevolences from falling behind, until the situation changes and better times return. There is great danger that our local and connectional interests may be seriously impaired in the present crisis, and thus the work and expenditure of years be sacrificed by the necessary retrenchment arising from a decline in our Church collections. The strongest motives urge us to make every possible effort to prevent such a disaster.

GRACE CHURCH, NORWOOD.

This has been a year of progress for Ivanhoe Church. Beginning the year by assuming larger obligations than ever before, they have been blessed with a growth that has fully justified their course. The church being too small for the demands of the Sunday-school and congregation, \$2,000 worth of improvements have been placed on the building.

A large addition, opening by means of rolling partitions into the audience-room, and a tower, have been built, adding greatly to the appearance of the church. The audience-room has been entirely transformed, and, with frescoing and new carpet, forms a beautiful and attractive place of worship.

As the region that was known as Ivanhoe has been included in the corporation of Norwood, the members of Ivanhoe Church, by regular legal process, have changed their name to Grace Methodist Episcopal Church of Norwood, and as such will be known hereafter. The membership has increased about fifty per cent during the past year. The First Church, Norwood, has had a year of great prosperity. The building has been tastefully frescoed and carpeted. The membership has been largely increased by letter and from probation, and an advance also made in the benevolent collections. The congregations have tested the seating capacity of the church. Rev. W. L. Y. Davis is the pastor.

CLEVES AND ADDYSTON.

Cleves and Addyston enjoyed one of the most remarkable revivals that ever occurred in our district. These difficult and unpromising appointments received a gracious and mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost. About two hundred persons at Addyston and one hundred and fifty at Cleves were converted and received on probation in these Churches.

Many of the saloons and low dives were closed, and their patrons went from these places of darkness and sin to the services of the house of God.

The superintendent of the Addyston Pipe Works and his foreman noticed a great change among their employees, "and they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus."

Especial care has been taken by the pastor to preserve the results of this remarkable revival. The converts have been placed under the best possible leaders, cottage-meetings have been established, and religious services have been held on almost every evening of the week. The unholy influences and terrible temptations around these precious souls call for the most careful and prayerful effort, that they may be kept from wandering back again to their old life and habits. The Rev. W. J. Dunham has been the evangelist and pastor in this wonderful work of grace, and this manifestation of pentecostal power.

WALNUT HILLS.

The Walnut Hills Church has been deeply afflicted in the sickness and death of its beloved pastor. During his protracted illness the pulpit was supplied by the Church, and everything possible was done to relieve his mind from care and anxiety. On learning of his financial embarrassment in Florida, an honored member of the Church presented him a check of fifteen hundred dollars, thus relieving him of the entire indebtedness on that property. The brethren of the Conference preached for his congregation the balance of the year made vacant by his death, and the tenderest sympathy and kindest attentions were extended to the bereaved family by the Church and the community. Dr. McChesney was held in affectionate regard by the members of our Conference. He was an eloquent preacher, a strong thinker, an able defender of the doctrines of our Church, and in his last sickness and death triumphed in the glorious doctrines which he had preached.

McKendree Church was injured by fire, but with the insurance money that was secured it has been frescoed and repainted throughout, and is now one of the most commodious and beautiful audience-rooms in the city. Rev. Edward McHugh closes a successful five years' pastorate, and his people part with him with regret.



METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WESTWOOD, O.

WESTWOOD.

The corner-stone of the new church at Westwood, projected last year, was laid in June, and the building is now under roof and well on its way towards completion. The style is English Gothic. Built of a light Indiana limestone, in a most commanding situation, this will be one of the most beautiful churches in the Conference.

It will cost, furnished, not less than \$40,000, exclusive of the lot, and will be ready for occupancy some time towards the close of the year. It will be dedicated without a collection and free from debt.

Notwithstanding the heavy burden of this enterprise, the collections of the charge show no falling off. On the contrary, the pastor will report an increase for the benevolent causes of six hundred and thirty-nine over any previous year in the history of this Church.

WESLEY CHAPEL.

The work in Wesley Chapel has gone forward with such success, that this old Church has taken front rank in Cincinnati Methodism. The pastor reports that there are nineteen distinct departments, each with its responsible head, and all in active operation; the whole Church being organized strictly on the Disciplinary plan.

Since September 1, 1895, 127 people have been received into the Church (61 on probation and 66 by certificate), making a total membership of 489. The net gain in membership during the year has been 53. The Church treasurer reports that the receipts for current expenses during the year have been \$3,307, of which \$2,347 was paid by 95 tithers, and \$960 by non-tithers. There is now on hand a cash surplus of \$20, and good subscriptions to increase the amount to \$100.

The pastor reports that 95 tithers have paid to the Conference benevolences \$728.65, and 58 non-tithers \$303; total, \$1,031.65. Add to this the receipts for local benevolences, and there is a grand total for local and general benevolences of \$2,000.

The receipts of the Church from all sources and for all purposes have been over \$5,500.

The pastor and treasurer agree in declaring that they have never had such an easy year to collect money.

Avondale has completed its beautiful parsonage, and the pastor, Dr. E. O. Buxton, is now occupying one of the finest residences in the Conferences. The loss of Bishops Cranston and Hartzell has been supplied by the presence of Bishop Walden and Dr. Curtis. The present pastorate has been a pleasant and successful one.

Price Hill during the past year has been one of the most growing charges in the district. Its gains, both by letter and from probation, have been very large. These additions have given financial and spiritual strength, and in a few years Price Hill will become one of the most vigorous and influential appointments in the Conference. Rev. A. C. Turrell has been faithful as preacher, pastor, and organizer, and has won the confidence and affection of the congregation and community.

Carthage, Elmwood Place, and Pearl Street have been renovated, beautified, and put in fine condition. Their energetic pastors deserve great credit for these needed and tasteful improvements.

Madisonville has paid its debt, enlarged its parsonage, and has a bright and hopeful future.

Special mention has been made only in exceptional cases, where unusual results have been realized, and the other pastors of the district have in most cases been faithful in word and work.

EPWORTH LEAGUE AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Epworth League has had a year of unusual success, and has rendered invaluable service to the Church. The officers and members have been energetic and enterprising, and the most satisfactory results have been secured in its various departments of Christian work. Our young people are meeting the pressing demands of the hour with loyalty and enthusiasm.

The evangelistic services of the League, under the leadership of Rev. M. Swadener, at Wesley, will long be remembered as an occasion of remarkable interest and power.

This historic Church was filled to overflowing with multitudes whose hearts were strangely warmed by the Holy Ghost. The large congregations came from all parts of the city, and a new impulse and uplift was given to the Epworth Leagues of the Cincinnati District.

The Church Extension Society has made an excellent record. Aid has been given to needy Churches, and mission-work has been faithfully carried forward, and the results are encouraging and hopeful. The Gospel Wagon during the summer months has attracted multitudes, and they have listened attentively to the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Rev. M. Swadener has been the energetic and enthusiastic superintendent of this work.

DEACONESS HOME.

The Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital have a deep claim upon our sympathy and benevolence. During the past year the debt has been reduced, the endowment increased, and many improvements made in the building and administration. The trustees are determined to make this institution first-class in all its departments. This noble charity reflects the highest credit upon our Church, and is an invaluable aid in city evangelization.

The Epworth Heights Camp-meeting, Rev. D. L. Aultman leader, was a profitable occasion. The services were spiritual and helpful, and among the best of any held there for many years.

GLENN HOME.

The Glenn Home, of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, with its night-schools, reading-room, mothers'-meetings, industrial training, and house visitation, has been reaching a needy and destitute class of people, that could not be brought into any of the established Churches. Sabbath-schools and evangelistic services are regularly conducted, and many are brought to Christ and trained in the religious life by these means, which have been greatly honored of God.

LOWER CINCINNATI.

The charges of the Cincinnati District may be divided into three classes—Lower Cincinnati, Upper Cincinnati, Outside Cincinnati. In the first class should be placed Pendleton, McKendree, Pearl Street, Asbury, Wesley, Trinity, St. Paul, St. John's, Christie, Finley, York Street, and Camp Washington. (12.)

Some unfavorable conditions face these Churches, and we must recognize the facts in order to determine what action ought to be taken.

Sentiment, old associations, and precious memories, dear to every Methodist heart, must have their proper recognition, but a calm, careful examination of the situation, and the exercise of our best judgment is indispensable.

The difficulties that face our Church belong to Protestantism. All the Evangelical Churches are realizing the difficulty of the question, and are devoting their attention and energy to evangelize the masses in the down-town portions of our great cities.

At present there is a wide diversity of opinions and methods. Emphasis is placed by different Churches on various theories, that seem to them most suitable to meet the difficult conditions that arise in the carrying forward of this important work.

The Institutional Church is a creation of these efforts, and is regarded by many to be just what is needed in the centers of our populous districts.

The Institutional Church requires a large income, careful management, and a trained corps of ministers and workers, in order to make it a success. At the present time, and under existing conditions, it is not practical for Cincinnati Methodism.

Our Church is more evangelistic, and relies more largely than any other denomination upon spiritual agencies, and while regarding these

other lines as essential and in harmony with the spirit of the gospel, it believes that they should hold a subordinate place in city evangelization. Some of the Churches in this class are gradually declining and approaching a missionary basis. They are unwilling to come under the Church Extension Society, and the financial condition of that Society renders it impossible to assume at present any additional responsibility. Under these circumstances two courses of action are open. Either the weaker Churches might unite with the neighboring stronger ones, or these places might be made half stations or points in a circuit. This would seem to be the most practical solution of a delicate and difficult problem.

Within the last ten years some of the most spiritual and wealthy of our laymen have died. The list of these noble men is one of the brightest any city ever possessed. Consecrated, liberal, and upright, they were an honor to our Church and city. They were present in our class-meetings, prayer-meetings, and revival services. They stood around the preacher as "a band of men whose hearts God had touched." Their social life was intimately and vitally related to their spiritual life. The spiritual life was supreme, the social life was subordinate. Methodism made them what they were, and they had a loyal and grateful spirit. Methodism created the virtues that gave them their wealth and material prosperity. It is a suggestive fact that the children of these departed worthies are many of them lost to Methodism. The places of the fathers are not filled by the children. The causes of their leaving our Church are the severer obligations required—the Disciplinary law on the amusement question, and the supreme social position of some of the other Churches. We ought to be able to hold our own children, and when we fail to do so, it should lead to the most careful and prayerful effort to find out where the responsibility rests. The essentials of doctrine, polity, and Discipline must not be compromised, but any modification that will not sacrifice spiritual interests ought to be made. These persons need the spiritual influences of our Church. They were converted at our altars, trained in our Sunday-schools and class-meetings, and need for their highest growth and culture the spiritual atmosphere of our own Church.

Our children should be sent to our own educational institutions. The colleges and universities of Methodism are offering the finest facilities, and should receive the patronage of all our people. Ohio is justly proud of its great university at Delaware, and never in its history has it occupied the position which it now holds in the educational world. There is a large number of Methodist students in all the great institutions of the land—many of them secular and under State control; others Christless in spirit and tendency, who, when they graduate, will have lost sympathy and interest in the Church of their birth and early years.

UPPER CINCINNATI.

In the second class are Mt. Auburn, Mt. Lookout, Clifton, Walnut Hills, Avondale, Price Hill, Fairmount, Westwood, Riverside, Cummins-ville, Winton Place; Norwood, First Church; Norwood, Grace Church; Columbia, Linwood, Delhi, Hartwell, Lockland and Wyoming, Madisonville, Carthage and Elmwood Place, Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge. (21.)

A few of the appointments are beyond the city limits, but their incorporation will be a fact at no distant day. As their members do business or are employed in the city, they belong in equity to this class.

Lower Cincinnati has furnished the greatest part of the members of these Churches in both numbers and character. The suburbs all around the city are among the most beautiful to be found anywhere in the land. Elevated, healthy, picturesque, accessible by the electric-cars in every direction; they are drawing all classes from the smoky basin below to the clear heights above.

The laborer, mechanic, clerk, as well as the capitalist and the leading men of the professions, reside in these most desirable localities. Every down-town Church, the weakest as well as the strongest, is thus inevitably

suffering a constant loss of members and financial support. The up-town Churches are gaining, the down-town Churches are losing.

The transfer of membership from Lower Cincinnati to Upper Cincinnati is all the while going on, and it will be larger and more serious in the future than in the past. The dangers and responsibilities of the suburban Churches are great.

The memories, associations, and obligations connected with the old Churches are not apt to be realized in the new. The former were their spiritual birthplaces. There they were baptized, and there were held the funeral services of their loved ones. The very atmosphere within those sacred walls is tremulous with restraint and inspiration, and the spirits of the departed are present with tender interest and deep sympathy. The up-town Churches, increasing in wealth, numbers, and influence, ought to recognize a large responsibility, feel a deep solicitude, and always extend the right hand of fellowship and aid to those Churches that are in the most critical places, and are face to face with the deadliest foes of Protestantism and Christianity. The prosperity of the former is essential to the prosperity of the latter. They are inseparable, the one depends upon the other, for they are intimately united by the twofold bond of pressing need on the one hand and of solemn responsibility on the other. Selfish exclusiveness and cold indifference would be more fatal to the Churches in the suburbs than to those in the centers.

The fellowship and unity of Methodism must be preserved. The utmost caution must be exercised that the historic relations of brotherly love should not be broken.

The present conditions tend to break these tender associations, which have been so prominent an element of our efficiency, and usefulness in the past.

Different classes of Churches in different localities must necessarily have their individuality, and variation in minor matters is inevitable. But beneath all these divergencies a common Methodist fire should burn, and the same spirit of consecration and holy zeal should exist.

CITY PASTORS.

The appointments for Cincinnati Methodism call for the most efficient preachers. These places are in such a critical state, that, unless suitable men are provided, the work can not prosper. In our city Churches there must be fitness or failure. Adaptation to a charge is a leading element of a successful pastorate.

There are difficulties in obtaining the right kind of preachers for these places, on account of the inadequate support and the severity of the work.

A spirit of sacrifice equal to that of the fathers who created Methodism must be in the heart, or no response would be made to this Macedonian cry. Some of these places are real missionary ground, and the young men of this Conference can find here a fine opportunity for Christian service and sacrifice. The greatest care should be taken in the admission of members to the Cincinnati Conference. Our situation is favorable for the selection of the best material for the ministry, and we should not hesitate to use this opportunity. We violate a solemn obligation when we neglect so great a duty. The demands of the present are so pressing and the sacrifices are so great, that the utmost care and deliberation should be exercised.

The future of the Church depends upon the selection of the right men, and emotion and sympathy should not have an undue influence.

REVIVALS.

In conclusion, I would emphasize the necessity of revivals in all our Churches. It is an unquestioned fact that genuine revivals created Methodism, and by them alone can it be preserved and accomplish its divine mission in the world. The impression too largely prevails that revivals

are not a necessity in our Church at the present, as they were in the past. The ministry has too often failed to realize that the evangelistic element is vital to every Christian minister. There must be birth before life, sanctification, and character. Revivals come largely from preaching the central doctrines of Christianity.

The nature of sin and guilt, penalty here and hereafter, salvation alone by the sacrificial death of Christ, the witness of the Spirit, and the privileges of entire consecration and faith, should be more earnestly preached in this secular and skeptical age than ever before. Revealed truth is an organism, and a proportionate statement of its verities should always be made, for no part can be omitted without a serious loss. The power of the gospel is in its distinctive truths; these are immutable and immortal.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

E. T. WELLS, Presiding Elder.

As we write this, our fourth annual report of the Dayton District, we are forcibly reminded of the changes that come as the years go by. Last year we began our report with an exultant spirit of praise to God for exemption from affliction and disaster. We said: "No conflagration nor cyclone has destroyed our church property. Death has not entered our ranks; none have broken down in health, nor been temporarily disabled by serious illness. The year has been singularly free from affliction." How differently we come to the close of this year! Amid the sunshine and brightness the clouds have loomed up and spread their dark shadows athwart the overarching skies. We have walked in the gloom and the shadow. Sickness has come into our homes, death has entered our families, our ranks have been broken. For the first time in four years the writer has been kept from his work for a time by sickness in his own home. His loved daughter, a young lady, promising, aspiring, devout, was prostrated by fever, and for four months battled with the consuming flame until, wasted and worn, death came to her relief, and the purified spirit joined the angelic company on high. We found refuge in our Almighty Friend. He was a very present help in trouble. As our dear daughter said: "All other beliefs go down before an hour like this. The soul needs Christ." She found him, and the form of the Fourth was with her in the furnace of affliction. While our tears have flowed, we were not left to weep alone. Many have come in and sat by our side and wept with us. For this sympathy, and also for the many lines of consolation received from our friends in the laity and the ministry, we are thankful to God. I wish also, in this report, to acknowledge my obligations to Brothers Prentiss, Burdsall, and Shively, who kindly took charge of quarterly-meetings in my stead.

Two of our most able, prominent, and efficient ministers of other years passed away in their superannuation—Doctors M. Dustin and W. L. Hypes. None of our ministers were more widely and well known than these brethren. We shall miss them from our Conference gatherings. Brother Hypes was with us at our last session, taking an active part in our business. Dr. Dustin's name has appeared every year for four years in our report in connection with affliction. First, the death of his daughter Mary, next the death of his son Samuel; then of his own great personal affliction; and now, lastly, his name appears in the death-roll. To-day they walk the streets of the New Jerusalem. Their memory should inspire us to renewed diligence in study, greater activity in the pastorate, and to greater power in the pulpit.

Financially, this year has been the most difficult of any of the years of my work on the district. We do not like to give voice to this universal feeling of hard times, but no report of Church-work would be fair or com-

plete which would ignore it. In justice to our pastors who have put forth heroic efforts to hold up our benevolences to their former figures and have failed, we must mention this condition which has confronted them. We must say, however, that if our people were trained to systematic giving, so that all the "tithes would be brought into the storehouse," there would be nothing of the lack which we now experience. Times like these, when the Lord's cause is the first and largest loser, emphasize the necessity of systematic giving. We suffer now from lack of stated rule and principle in giving. We fear the statistics will show a decrease along the line of the benevolent collections. We know some individual instances where there is an advance over former years in the benevolent contributions, for which we are devoutly thankful.

MISSIONS.

We have called attention to the great work of the Church through its Missionary Society. We have endeavored to enlist the people in the great debt-paying effort which has been urged by our missionary secretaries. If every pastor had taken the offering, very little of the debt would remain. It will be a happy day for all our benevolent causes when every Church will take the collection. The motto for the entire ministry should be, No blanks; and that not by the pastor putting in from his own pocket to fill the blank, but from an offering of the people, whether it be great or small.

EPWORTH LEAGUE WORK.

We have thirty-eight Epworth League Chapters. The Epworth League devotional-meetings are the largest attended of any of the social meetings of the Church. The largest average attendance of any Sunday evening League meeting was at Raper Church, Dayton, which reported through its president at the third Quarterly Conference an average attendance of 325. The most hopeful and promising field of Church-work is that of the Epworth League. There is an undergrowth of valuable material coming up in the Epworth League, which the Church is as yet scarcely aware of. What a training-school for Church usefulness we have here.

The great lack of systematic beneficence in the Church must be corrected here. The young people must be trained, not only to speak and pray and lead meetings, but also to give. This is a vital part of religion and worship.

We have multitudes of the older people in the Church who have no adequate idea of their financial obligation to the Church and work of God. How shall we change this condition but by training the rising generation aright? Where shall we find our opportunity for this training but in the Epworth League? Through the agency of this League we should gather a harvest of Church workers, which will give us in time a Church of praying, witnessing, and giving members.

A DISTRESSING FEATURE.

One of the most painful, even distressing, features of our itinerant work, is the large number of insufficient salaries, which are made still more afflictive by being so slowly paid. Our pastors and their families suffer inexpressibly from the inadequate and indifferent manner in which their claims are met. They carry burdens of debt, and humiliating failures to keep their promises with their creditors, and deny themselves of the slightest expenditure in the way of any little trip, or book, or opportunity for a bargain in the necessities of life, because the charge raises barely half of the too scant salary as the year goes by, leaving to the very last the bringing up of the deficit. It is a crying evil, and one which should be speedily corrected. Whatever is allowed, should be paid promptly, and all paid.

As briefly as possible let us look at the work in detail.

Bethany, Rev. H. W. Bailey, pastor. The church has been improved with beautiful cathedral glass-windows, at an expense of \$237. A bequest that will eventually bring to Preachers' Relief Society \$2,500, has been made this year. A Deaconess Home contribution for the year, amounting to \$218, was received.

At Camden the parsonage has been greatly changed and improved by repainting. Rev. G. L. Travis, pastor. This point and Somerville have had a pleasant year, and are greatly attached to their pastor.

Centerville has been faithfully served by Rev. H. C. Middleton.

Concord Circuit, Rev. G. H. Smith in charge, has had a year of prosperity. At Bethany, on this circuit, a good work was enjoyed, which brought in many young people, giving new life to the Church, and adding a very vigorous Epworth League to the society. The benevolent collections will meet the apportionments.

Eaton, Rev. J. L. Shively pastor, celebrated their semi-centennial with a reopening of their lecture-room, which was refitted throughout, recarpeted, repainted, and beautifully decorated, at an expense of \$560.

Rev. W. M. Coffman, at Fair Haven, closes up five years of service on his first charge. He published a very concise history of Methodism in his charges, and a directory of their present membership, together with a summary of the five years' work: 198 accessions during his pastorate.

Fort Jefferson is a new work in its present form, with Rev. O. D. Becker in charge. At Jaysville, on this work, a very substantial and commodious new brick church, finely furnished, has been dedicated during this year. The building of this church has been a great credit to the society, as their financial and numerical strength are not great.

Rev. C. H. Haines, our pastor at Franklin, has passed through serious illness, but has recovered so as to be ready for full work.

Germantown was left to be supplied at the last Conference. The services of Rev. E. A. Harper, a local preacher from Missouri, were secured immediately upon the adjournment of the Conference, and he has been in charge of that work.

Rev. Calvin W. Horn has completed four and a half very successful years on the Glendale and Sharonville work. If the time-limit rule removes him, the charge will be sorry to part with him. This work has had a steady growth during his pastorate.

Gordon Circuit has become reduced almost to two points, by the abandonment of Ithaca and the languishing condition of West Sonora. During the year the pastor, Rev. J. McK. Shultz, has been preaching at a point called Pittsburg, where a Sabbath-school has been organized and a church-building has been tendered for regular preaching services. We are hopeful that in time a society may be organized there, and the work strengthened by its addition.

Rev. J. W. Peters has had a year of revival at Hamilton, with a total of accessions on probation and by letter of 110. The veteran evangelist, Dr. W. I. Fee, rendered very valuable assistance.

Lewisburg, Rev. D. A. McColm in charge, entertained very generously the Ministerial Association of the District in June. The elder, on account of his family affliction, could not be present, but the Association, under the presidency of Rev. S. D. Clayton, had a very pleasant and profitable session, one of especial spiritual power.

Miamisburg was visited by the Epworth Leagues of the District in their annual District Convention in October, where we had a royal welcome and a feast of soul in a symposium of the time of the Wesleys. Rev. J. S. Pumphrey serves this charge, which is a kind of steady-flowing spring of refreshing influences.

Miamisburg and West Carrollton, Rev. J. T. Bail pastor of the latter, are now suburbs of Dayton, having been connected this summer with the city by electric railway. West Carrollton is a growing, promising town, in which Dr. Bail is rendering very acceptable service.

Middletown, Dr. William Runyan pastor, has passed another year, and

has met the large and constant demands made upon them for the current expenses and the ever-recurring interest upon their indebtedness. The pastor has had protracted affliction in his family, in the serious illness of his daughter Clara. This, with the work of the Church, has placed a great burden of care upon the pastor and wife. May the blessing of God rest upon them in large measure to strengthen them for the heavy burden!

At Monroe, Rev. J. H. McNary has very perceptibly improved the condition of the Church in a financial direction, while the attendance at the Church services has been increased.

New Paris has been supplied for two years by Rev. M. F. Hawley, who is universally liked, and his return requested.

Rev. W. M. Patton has had a most successful year on the Osborn work. A revival was had at Medway. The work is well organized. The benevolences are more than double the previous year. At the close of the last love-feast at Osborn the pastor had all the societies and the officers make reports of the moneys raised for all purposes, and the aggregate was, in round numbers, \$800. Their apportionment for ministerial support was \$300. They raised \$500 at that point for other purposes over and above their share of the salary.

One of the most delightful charges in the district is Oxford. The business of the Church is transacted in the most satisfactory manner. If there is any friction, or any struggle for money, it never comes to the knowledge of the elder. The pastor is always paid up with every quarter, and the elder's claim is in his hands at the time of the Quarterly Conference. This attractive place is open this year. The five years' term of Rev. E. H. Cherington has expired. He closes his term with the laudation and love of his people. A very beautiful expression of their appreciation and regard has been forwarded to the elder by the Official Board.

Port Union Circuit, one of the loveliest portions of Southern Ohio, has been presided over by Rev. J. F. McColm, one of our best men, who has carefully looked after all the interests of our work.

This year has been a year of uplift for Red Lion, Rev. J. W. Patton pastor. There have been twoscore accessions to the Church, mostly on probation. There is a noticeable increase in interest and in attendance.

George W. Vorhis has put in a year of faithful work at Seven Mile, though not with as large results as usually follow his labors. We are hoping, however, that the future may bring a harvest from this year's sowing of good seed. He has organized an Epworth League. An average prayer-meeting attendance of seventy.

At Springboro we have a very fine field for work and a good force of members, if there could be concentration of forces. There is a feeling of inability to maintain themselves unaided as a station. If all our force were united in the name of the Lord we could stand. Rev. I. R. Marshall has managed the work this year so that it has yielded him a support.

Walker and Union have been very fortunate in having for their supply the past year Rev. A. K. Stabler, who is a member of the Colorado Conference, but absent with leave to attend school. He has been supplying the circuit and attending the Miami University. He brought credit to the institution, the Church, and himself, by carrying off the honors at an Interstate collegiate oratorical contest at Tiffin, Ohio. He was heralded in the metropolitan dailies as Miami's pride, and a great ovation tendered him on his return to Oxford. The work petition for his return.

West Alexandria, C. L. Chapman pastor, has undertaken a larger financial burden than ever before in its history as a station. They have gone through with it, and have had a very satisfactory year, some 27 accessions to the Church on probation and by letter.

West Chester, Thomas Cundy pastor, has reached a point where there will have to be some disposition made of it, which will relieve it from the full support of a pastor. It can be continued by supplying it with a single man.

For two years Rev. J. A. Jenkinson has served the West Elkton

work. This is his first charge, and well has he done his work and improved the condition of the circuit. His return is desired.

We close this brief summary of the work with a glance at the work in Dayton. Two of our Churches in Dayton—Broadway, under Rev. F. M. Clemans, and Trinity, under Rev. J. P. Ninde—had large revivals and great ingatherings. At Broadway there were 77 probationers and 48 by letter, a total of 125. At Trinity there were 146 on probation and 15 by letter, making a total of 161.

Grace Church, Dr. W. A. Robinson pastor, held the great Fifth General Conference District Epworth League Convention in November. This Convention was presided over by our own Rev. Heber D. Ketcham. It was a large, enthusiastic Convention. The capacious auditorium was filled to overflowing at its sessions. The papers and addresses were of a high order. The Convention was an inspiration to all who attended, and a great help to our local Epworth League work, impressive to all who beheld it. Early in the year a brief evangelistic meeting was held, Miss Cartwright assisting, which, considering the short time allotted to it, was attended with good results. The accessions for the year number 65.

Homestead Avenue and Riverdale have been supplied by Rev. A. W. Hook. Fifty-three accessions to these two points, the youngest of Methodism in Dayton. The outlook for both these societies is very encouraging. The return of Brother Hook is earnestly desired by both of these Churches. We hope by another Conference session to be able to report a new church-building at Riverdale. The membership, for want of a building of their own, are compelled to pay out \$240 a year for rent of an inconvenient hall.

Raper Church, Rev. L. E. Prentiss in charge, began the year with a very large reception in the church to the pastor and wife, which was given on their silver wedding anniversary. The presentation of a silver tea-service from the members, with addresses and songs and refreshments, made a happy and pleasant beginning of the Conference year.

The anniversary of the Sunday-school Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held at Raper Church in November, beginning with Wednesday and continuing till Sunday night. There were present Drs. Hurlbut, Freeman, and Doherty, of New York, and Dr. Mitchell, of Kansas City.

The Epworth Mission, a work carried on by Raper, celebrated its first anniversary, Sunday afternoon, December 9, 1895. The room was filled to its utmost capacity, with an attendance of 225. A building fund was started for a new church. Raper Church leads the district in attendance upon prayer-meeting, Epworth League meetings, and love-feasts. Average prayer-meeting, 163 reported one quarter. Average Epworth League devotional meeting, third quarter, 325; fourth quarter, 266. Number present at last love-feast, on July 9th, summer heat, 201; in spirit and numbers the largest love-feast of the district; two and three on the floor at once; the spirit of revival refreshing to the soul. The average of the Sunday-school, as reported to the Quarterly Conference, for the year, 430. Accessions for the year, 114. Full members, 940. There has been no reduction in the salary, while the benevolences show an increase over the last year. The total benevolences over \$1,600. The year closes with everything provided for.

At St. Paul, Rev. Edmund Burdsall pastor, faithful, earnest work has been done by the pastor in charge. There have been 73 accessions. The largest Sunday-school in the history of the Church has been reported this year. The average for the year, 536. This is the largest school in the district, if not in the Conference. A flourishing Epworth and Junior League is found here.

My review of the work assures me again as it has before, that we have no nobler, finer, more self-denying, sacrificing, patient men, than are found in our Methodist itinerancy.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

GEORGE H. DART, Presiding Elder.

1. OMENS OF GOOD.—Though the present incumbent was the unexpected, his welcome forecast fullest fraternity. Prophecy has become history. His predecessor—yes, predecessors for many years—were cherished with such love and honor as begot the hope of recognition and remembrance in the new leader. He, too, might find place among the true men of the Church. There was inspiration in the hope. It brought him to his best.

2. HISTORIC GLINTS.—The Georgetown District is a realm of memories; memories of conflict and conquest, and memories of heroic character and achievement. It is rich in Methodist lore. Here Western Methodism began its flaming course. Its growth was as the day, broadening and brightening to its full. The little church on Blue Creek, the first west of the mountains, was the forerunner of a host. They were centers of moral power, affecting for good the life of the new West. Here, too, strode the giants of Methodism. Their impress is everywhere. The old generation recounts their deeds reverently to the new. Prodigies they seem, yet here as elsewhere fact transcends fiction. There is no romance like history. Here, also, was the school of the prophets. Boston, Drew, and Garrett may give finer polish, but never a sturdier manhood than Brush College. It built brain and brawn together.

3. METES AND BOUNDS.—Lank and long and lean, the Georgetown District, like a prehistoric saurian, stretches itself along the sunny slopes of the Ohio from the great city on the west beyond the mountains of Adams County on the east. It has invaded the Ohio Conference, and there, like another Rome, planted its standards and builded its fortresses. Rent and ragged, as from the shock of battle, its western and northern line runs zigzag, in and out, as if uncertain of itself, and more uncertain of predatory empires beyond. From the west the Metropolitans have almost severed it. From the east the Hillsboro forces have nearly decapitated it, beside seizing the major part of its backbone, and leaving it a body, limp and incompact, a marvel to all who gaze upon it.

From its lofty brow, as if in vengeance for its wrongs, a horn, five miles long, pierces the bowels of the Dayton District, and, though its thrust is not fatal yet, in a truer than our Conference map, it sadly mars the almost perfect outlines of this ample and affluent domain.

From the back of its head an immense bump protrudes, gourd-shaped, twelve miles long, which lies prone and powerless on an arm of the Hillsboro District, outstretched as if in repulsion and resistance. The attitude is eloquent on the one side of appeal, and on the other of rejection.

Truly, the form of our district is unique. The like of it is neither in heaven or on earth. But our map-maker, like Phidias with the head of Pericles, has dealt kindly with us. But as eccentric as are our outlines, we have a goodly heritage—a land not crowded with great cities, or athrill with manufactories, or hurried with commerce, but abounding in agricultural arts and activities. Its fields are broad and fertile. Its products are varied and abundant. Its people are kind, hospitable, and industrious, largely free from the vices which grow rank within and about great centers.

4. A NEW BASE.—With his appointment, the new elder began afresh the study of geography. In it he found the real district center west, and not east. Milford was evidently the key to the situation. From it two railroads penetrate the work, and from them through the city the true gateway of all Southern Ohio, four other railroads were available, thus opening six railroads through the district to the new base. Here, with the bishop's approval, the elder elected his home. A year of trial attests advantage. Two-thirds of the charges are reached by drives over

good pikes of from five to thirty miles, and the balance by rail and livery, thus greatly lessening the exposure and labor of supervision, though increasing the expense.

5. ABREAST OF THE WORK.—With the first Sabbath the elder began, nor tarried, nor abated, till the last Sabbath had passed. He has filled every appointment, preached two hundred and seventy times, held one hundred and twenty-six Quarterly Conferences, one hundred and twelve communions, seventy-five love-feasts, besides many Sabbath-school and Epworth League addresses, traveled two thousand five hundred miles by private, and two thousand three hundred miles by public conveyances, and for rest and recreation between quarterly-meetings has kept the accounts of every charge and every Church in every charge in the district, and written about one thousand letters to the official members and collectors of the various charges and their separate Churches, notifying each of its financial obligation and urging to duty.

The pastors began their work promptly, and have pushed it to the end. Each, as in him lay, has held his place and headed his line. None have faltered or fallen. No retreat has been sounded. As true yoke-fellows of Jesus Christ, all faces have been set on duty. Upon no escutcheon has dishonor fallen.

When all have endured cheerfully and wrought nobly, distinction is not meet. The past is prophetic. Whither away may be the drift of the sea, we each and all expect to find ourselves under the King's banner forever and forever.

Our District League officers have planned and labored royally, and our forty-seven Chapters, with their three thousand Leaguers, have responded gladly to their call. Our many subdistrict meetings have enthused, disciplined, and organized the forces, and prepared for the annual rally. It was a splendid success.

6. GATHERING THE SHEAVES.—Though our winter campaign was not marked by overwhelming victories, yet our gains were not inconsiderable, either in the invigorated Churches which brought into new life inactive forces, and gave a fresh impulse to our prayer, class, and league services, but also in the spoils which were gathered from the King's enemies. Over six hundred converts have been reported.

7. RENTS IN THE FOLD.—At some points, certain calling themselves evangelists have gained footing and wrought havoc; either with or without ministerial or official sanction, they have labored in or adjacent to our Churches, creating dissensions which have resulted in organic separations, class antagonisms, and neighborhood alienations.

The peril is evident. The wolves are abroad. They wait to waste us. Surely the shepherds need to watch. The sentinel off guard invites disaster. The wooden horse, harmless as it seemed, decreed doom to Troy. The wise pastor will pause and ponder carefully before he introduces questionable men or methods or measures. Beyond the Rubicon lie nameless horrors. Even the best things may be made occasions of hurt by tricksters or zealots.

The highest grace blossoms into the sweetest charity, and the largest work of grace binds the Church with strongest cords of love. It is an ill grace, baptize it as you will, which rends the flock of God. Cesar is supreme at Rome. Christ is not divided. Factional strife is suicidal. It slays the Church.

8. THE REAPER'S WAGES.—Our salaries are low, lower than on other districts. Perhaps this is due to the lack of general industries. Certainly this explains their irregularity. Farmers, as a class, are not full-handed, and rarely receive regular revenues, and hence they pay in quarterly, semi-annual, or annual installments. This often pinches the preacher. He must live on faith, which is good fare for souls, but thin for mortal frames, or let his grocer or merchant experiment with it as a commercial factor; but, alas! alone it is not current in the markets, and so, soon or late, it comes back on the preacher, and happy may he be if his good

name is not trailed in the dust before his credit materializes in the good coin of the kingdom. This year the strain has been unusual, both from under and over production, by which returns scarcely equal costs. In some sections disastrous storms have impoverished; but mainly our financial pressure comes of the uncertain future, which lowers gloomily before us.

9. THE PORTION OF THE LORD.—Just beside ministerial support are the benevolences. The pastor must push them. Neglect is criminal. It carries penalty. He who is remiss, gets back in kind. Churches that default on benevolences, default on salaries. If the pastor minifies them, the people will emulate his example in minifying his claim. The benevolences are indices of Church intelligence, generosity, and devotion. Conscience, rather than ability, enters into them. Humble majorities, rather than rich minorities, swell their tides. Forever the widow's mite is the standard. It carries all. We have done well. We can do better. Let us address ourselves to the task.

We need, first, a truer conscience. Giving is of convenience, rather than conviction; of feeling, rather than principle. The preacher must emphasize Christian beneficence. Its obligation is imperative and universal. The Lord's portion must be sacred. He who withholds, not only robs God, but robs himself. It harvests large poverty.

Second. A larger intelligence. Many are uninformed. They do not read the Church papers, and neither know of, nor are in touch with, our great benevolent movements. They are at the mercy of false accusers, who charge corruption or mismanagement on our administration, beside losing that breadth of view and generous sentiment which spring from contact with great ideas and causes. Ignorance may nourish superstition, but it does not kindle benevolence. The preacher, with voice and pen and printed page, must diffuse knowledge. He is the light-giver of his people. If darkness abound, it is his fault. The Church answers to the preacher.

Third. A better system of collections. They are often taken without plan or preparation or judicious presentation, or delayed until eclipsed by other demands, or omnibused, so that aggregates scarcely equal single claims, or cards are scattered broadcast, of which few return, and these as a rule yield small returns. The preacher must persuade. Contact tells. Method brings result. Haphazard plans are a waste of force. It is the preacher's business to bring up the benevolences. As a rule, they measure ministerial fidelity.

10. BURNISHING THE SANCTUARY.—Our churches, in the main, are inexpensive, yet convenient and comfortable, and suited to our conditions. Most of our titles are in fee, but some of our oldest are entailed, and revert on church disuse. Many of our properties are insured; but many are not, and our people are slow to apprehend the need. Our debts are few, and these are diminishing. Aberdeen has consumed an old mortgage. New Richmond has paid some hundreds on an old improvement claim, which is now almost extinguished. Moscow has, in part, arranged for annual payments, by which it is hoped the burden of years will be lifted. Several Churches have made good, but not expensive, improvements. Lakin Chapel on the Bethel Charge, has been modernized and beautified. Batavia has secured a fine pipe-organ, frescoed its audience and Sabbath-school rooms, and put in place new furnaces, at a cost of \$1,100, all of which has been paid for.

11. HOMES OF THE PROPHETS.—Some of our parsonages are superior. They are comfortable, attractive, and valuable; an honor to the Churches who own them, and a joy to the pastors who occupy them. Some are only medium; not absolutely uncomfortable, yet lacking many desirable things. Perhaps larger personal effort on the part of the pastors might remedy many defects, and inspire the Church to better things. A few are very poor, and ought to give place to better ones. At Ripley much of the old parsonage has been torn away—the front part moved to the rear and elevated, and a new and handsome front erected, at a cost

of \$1,100, which has been provided for. It is now in keeping with the splendid church, and is among the most pleasant of Conference homes.

12. DEEPENING SHADOWS.—Our pastors have been generally well, but some homes have been darkened with disease and death. In one, the wife has been a constant sufferer, with little hope this side of the better country. In another, the wife and mother has been an almost helpless invalid, and perhaps none but the Great Physician can heal her hurt. From another the young wife was forced, by the rigors of our Northern winter, to summer climes, and it was hoped she had found health and strength, but recent symptoms forecast gravest perils.

From the Bethel parsonage the wife and mother, after years of wasting, passed within the gate of that city of which it is said, "There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Sister Davis was a good woman, who died in the faith of the Son of God and the hope of a certain and blessed resurrection.

Our venerable brother, Rev. W. J. Quarry, has passed a year of great feebleness, and at times has seemed near the crossing, but has rallied and come back, not to great pain but much weakness. He has now completed fifty years in the ministry. With our honored Bishop, he was received into the Ohio Conference within these very walls a half century ago. He sends to you, Bishop, and to you, brethren, his loving greeting. He would gladly be with you, but may not. At eventide it is light. His sunset bodes no night, but opens into an eternal day. God's blessing, the blessings of his abounding grace, be upon our shadowed homes.

13. A FULL HEART.—With gratitude, I review the past. I am a marvel to myself. Beginning my ministry a youth of twenty years, and seemingly doomed to an early death, I have now completed forty years of unbroken service, without vacation or rest or the missing of an appointment. I magnify Him whose providence and grace have sheltered and strengthened me through all the years. Anew I record my faith; anew, my consecration seal. For Him and to Him who has redeemed me would I live all the days of my appointed time.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

T. H. PEARNE, Presiding Elder.

Mr. President and Brethren.—Three years of hard work on the Hillsboro District close to-day. They have been years of arduous but happy toil. Early in March last, for the first time in twenty-two years, I suffered from a severe bilious attack, causing a suspension of my work for four weeks. The inveterate disease yielded at length to thorough treatment. I am again in normal health. The preachers very kindly came to my relief. God was gracious to me, so fulfilling his own promise, "As thy days, shall thy strength be." I record, with profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father, his great mercies to my fellow-laborers and myself through the year. With courage, hope, and unity, the preachers have wrought in the Lord's vineyard, and not in vain. "Fruit has been gathered unto life eternal." With a single exception—Rev. U. G. Humphrey, who, three months ago, suffered extreme illness—all the preachers and their families have enjoyed good health. Happily, Brother Humphrey has fully recovered. The parsonage homes have been dwellings of joy and content in the Lord's service.

In the Sunday-school and Epworth League the young people have been well taught and trained in various lines of Christian activity. They have been brought forward in Christian life: many of them have reached an advanced religious experience. They have been faithfully taught in the Holy Scriptures, and trained in earnest, intelligent devotion to the inter-

ests of Christ's kingdom. Not alone to the young, but also to the middle-aged and the veterans, have the pastors been faithful; and as well, likewise, in all other lines of their great calling. In their close attention to the needs and demands of the young people of their charges, the success of the pastors has been exemplary. In this respect the Methodism of to-day is far in advance of what it was a half century ago.

Two of the most potent of human forces, which we have, to wield and to develop in the Methodism of the present, are the Sunday-school and the Epworth League. On our wisdom and fidelity in wielding these forces depend the greatest conceivable moral results in the Methodism of the near future. We have seventy Sabbath-schools, led and trained by twelve hundred officers and teachers. There are eight thousand two hundred scholars. The facilities employed are of the most complete and modern. The interest of teachers and taught is unflagging. The promise of success grows with the years. During the last quadrennium, in our whole Church, three hundred and eighty-eight children were converted. All our Sunday-schools have our own requisites and literature. In our Epworth League work there is much to encourage. It is very difficult to get exact statistics. Approximately, there are thirty-eight Senior Leagues, having two thousand eight hundred and eighty-five members. There are fifteen Junior Leagues, having nine hundred and fifty members. In all there are fifty-three Chapters and thirty-eight hundred and thirty-five members. Both our Senior and Junior Leagues are wide awake and in full earnest.

During the past year we have held three Epworth League Conventions, each of them of transcendent interest. One of them, early in the year, was in Waynesville. The second, May 27th and 28th, was held in Hillsboro. The third, early in June, was held in New Vienna. The first and the last were Subdistrict or County Conventions. The principal one, in Hillsboro, was a District Convention. The whole district was well represented. The Convention was admirably sustained. To hear the reports, the testimonies, the essays, and the discussions, as well as the consecration and song service, was greatly inspiring. More than half the pastors in the district were present, largely promoting the success of the Convention. At the sunrise service, on the second day, over a hundred attended. It was a wonderful meeting.

The president of the District League is Brother Joe Storey, one of the liveliest men in Methodism. He is alert, resourceful, successful, and in every way adapted to his work. He is surrounded by a staff of like-minded brethren and sisters, who are in fullest accord with his advanced methods as a most skillful leader of the young.

By the way, brethren, is it not a most surprising fact that a work so important and promising as this, and one so fully organized, and which has been in connectional form for six years, having grown in that time to 1,300,000 members, should not yet have had a place in our Conference statistics?

OUR MISSIONS.

The claims of our great Missionary Society have received careful attention, as the Discipline requires. Yet it is to be feared that our offerings for this stupendous charity are far below our ability and our duty. Let us see, more specifically,

WHAT WE ARE DOING.

The sum raised in 1895 by collections, for missions, in our whole Church, is just forty-five cents per year per member. The amount raised in the Cincinnati Conference for missions in the same year, 43½ cents per year per member, distributed over the Conference thus: Cincinnati District, 89 cents per member; Springfield District, 50 cents per member, 6½ cents above the Conference average; Dayton District, 33½ cents per member; Georgetown District, 19½ cents per member; Hillsboro District,

\$3.643—32 cents per member; 13 cents below the average for the whole Church, and 11½ cents below the average for the Conference.

Debt-paying Day was observed by most of the charges in the district. I am not informed, definitely, with what results. One charge exceeded fivefold what the same charge had raised the previous year. Another charge doubled former amounts. In every such case, systematic careful work has been done by the pastors.

CHURCHES.

The number of churches in our district is less by one than last year, owing to the burning of our Blanchester church in October last. The present number is eighty, being an increase, in value, of \$32,500. This increase is, in part, due to the elegant and costly improvement in the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Xenia, Rev. J. J. McCabe, pastor. Seating capacity, fifteen hundred. The side walls are, in part, of buff pressed brick. The front walls and, in part, the side walls above foundations, are of Bedford stone, rock-face and broken ashlar finish. The front foundations are of New Jasper limestone, rock-face finish. There is a basement under the whole building. It is furnished with all the modern appointments for church parlor and kitchen. Four large furnaces provide the hot-air for warming the church. The rooms are illuminated by gas and electricity. Spacious rooms on ground and gallery floors are provided for class and Sunday-school uses. Entire cost, \$26,000. In pushing this grand improvement to success, the pastor has had the efficient co-operation of his Official Board, the Epworth League, the Building Committee, and the ladies. It was dedicated, July 26th, by Rev. Bishop C. C. McCabe, D. D., LL. D., assisted by Rev. Drs. Moore and Drees; and also Samuel D. Clayton and Rev. C. M. Van Pelt. Wisely and well and nobly have the Church and its pastor devised and completed this great improvement; most beautiful and fair. The acoustics are perfect.

In Belfast, G. T. Perry pastor, through the gift of our Church Extension Society, amounting to \$250, our new church has been completed. April 18th, Rev. J. E. H. Sentman, a former pastor, dedicated it.

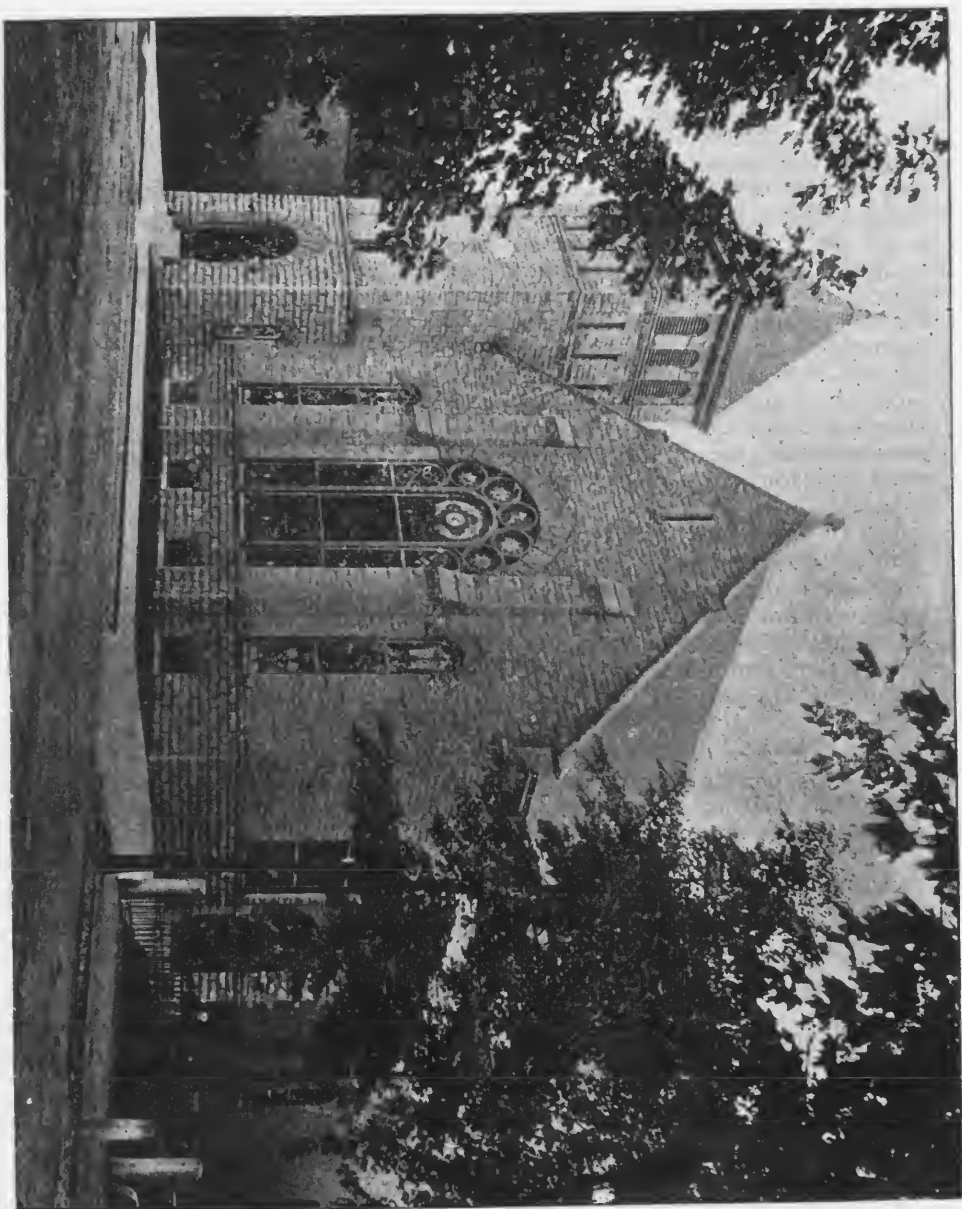
The Blanchester fire was one of the most destructive, in many years, in Southern Ohio. It nearly swept the little town from the face of the earth. It involved a financial loss of \$200,000, relatively a much larger sum than the great Chicago fire. Some of our brethren lost heavily, so disabling them from giving as much to the rebuilding of the new church as otherwise they could have done. The pastor, Rev. Andrew Hamilton, and his officiating, as also the elect ladies of the Church, the Epworth League, and the Sunday-school, have already courageously faced the new demand. The walls are in place. The foundation-walls are of rock-face limestone. The walls above them are of elegant pressed brick, trimmed with Cleveland sandstone. A fine structure, of modern style and finish, admirably adapted to the new conditions of the growing city, is in successful course of erection. Seating capacity, seven hundred.

In New Vienna Charge, Rev. John A. Easton pastor, West's Chapel has been thoroughly overhauled and repaired, at a cost of \$500. To a like extent as to cost and completeness, Fairfax church has been improved, Rev. C. C. Peale, pastor. On Lynchburg Charge, Rev. John Wilson pastor, Dennis Chapel has been renovated. Waynesville Church, Rev. J. T. Cowgill pastor, has expended \$500 in improvements. New Burlington Charge, Rev. Philip Trout in his fifth year's pastorate, has increased the value of its church property \$500 by purchasing a society building.

PARSONAGES.

In our last year's statistics twenty-five parsonages are credited to Hillsboro District, leaving three charges unprovided,—New Lexington, Hillsboro Circuit, and South Lebanon.

On the South Lebanon Charge, Rev. J. M. Roberts supply pastor,



FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, XENIA, O.

\$3.643—32 cents per member; 13 cents below the average for the whole Church, and 11½ cents below the average for the Conference.

Debt-paying Day was observed by most of the charges in the district. I am not informed, definitely, with what results. One charge exceeded fivefold what the same charge had raised the previous year. Another charge doubled former amounts. In every such case, systematic careful work has been done by the pastors.

CHURCHES.

The number of churches in our district is less by one than last year, owing to the burning of our Blanchester church in October last. The present number is eighty, being an increase, in value, of \$32,500. This increase is, in part, due to the elegant and costly improvement in the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Xenia, Rev. J. J. McCabe, pastor. Seating capacity, fifteen hundred. The side walls are, in part, of buff pressed brick. The front walls and, in part, the side walls above foundations, are of Bedford stone, rock-face and broken ashlar finish. The front foundations are of New Jasper limestone, rock-face finish. There is a basement under the whole building. It is furnished with all the modern appointments for church parlor and kitchen. Four large furnaces provide the hot-air for warming the church. The rooms are illuminated by gas and electricity. Spacious rooms on ground and gallery floors are provided for class and Sunday-school uses. Entire cost, \$26,000. In pushing this grand improvement to success, the pastor has had the efficient co-operation of his Official Board, the Epworth League, the Building Committee, and the ladies. It was dedicated, July 26th, by Rev. Bishop C. C. McCabe, D. D., LL. D., assisted by Rev. Drs. Moore and Drees; and also Samuel D. Clayton and Rev. C. M. Van Pelt. Wisely and well and nobly have the Church and its pastor devised and completed this great improvement; most beautiful and fair. The acoustics are perfect.

In Belfast, G. T. Perry pastor, through the gift of our Church Extension Society, amounting to \$250, our new church has been completed. April 18th, Rev. J. E. H. Sentman, a former pastor, dedicated it.

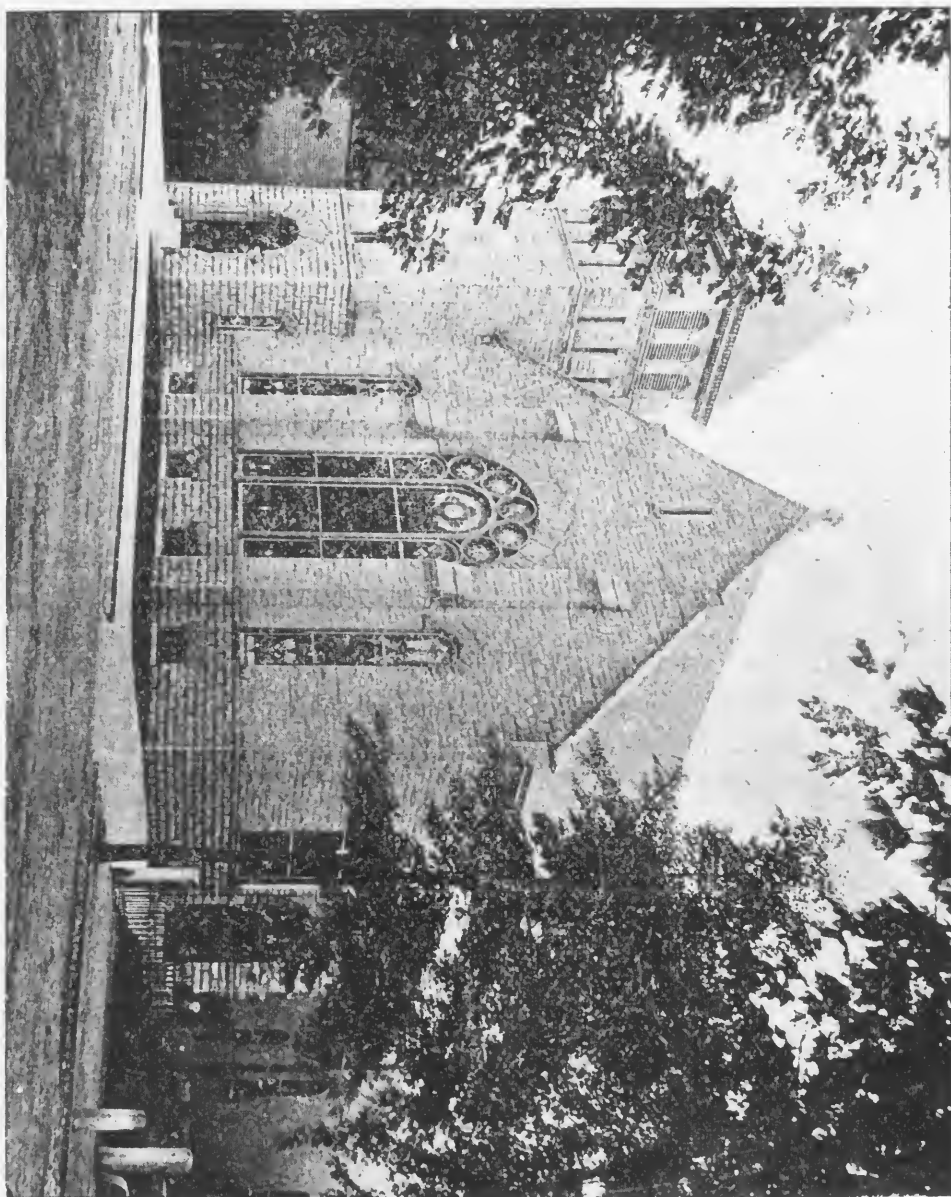
The Blanchester fire was one of the most destructive, in many years, in Southern Ohio. It nearly swept the little town from the face of the earth. It involved a financial loss of \$200,000, relatively a much larger sum than the great Chicago fire. Some of our brethren lost heavily, so disabling them from giving as much to the rebuilding of the new church as otherwise they could have done. The pastor, Rev. Andrew Hamilton, and his officiating, as also the elect ladies of the Church, the Epworth League, and the Sunday-school, have already courageously faced the new demand. The walls are in place. The foundation-walls are of rock-face limestone. The walls above them are of elegant pressed brick, trimmed with Cleveland sandstone. A fine structure, of modern style and finish, admirably adapted to the new conditions of the growing city, is in successful course of erection. Seating capacity, seven hundred.

In New Vienna Charge, Rev. John A. Easton pastor, West's Chapel has been thoroughly overhauled and repaired, at a cost of \$500. To a like extent as to cost and completeness, Fairfax church has been improved. Rev. C. C. Peale, pastor. On Lynchburg Charge, Rev. John Wilson pastor, Dennis Chapel has been renovated. Waynesville Church, Rev. J. T. Cowgill pastor, has expended \$500 in improvements. New Burlington Charge, Rev. Philip Trout in his fifth year's pastorate, has increased the value of its church property \$500 by purchasing a society building.

PARSONAGES.

In our last year's statistics twenty-five parsonages are credited to Hillsboro District, leaving three charges unprovided.—New Lexington, Hillsboro Circuit, and South Lebanon.

On the South Lebanon Charge, Rev. J. M. Roberts supply pastor,



FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, XENIA, O.

he and his officary, and, as usual, the ladies, have erected a parsonage on the church lot. It is small, having six rooms and two halls; yet it is convenient and well-built; an attractive and comfortable home for the pastor. A large debt has been contracted, which it is not doubted this enterprising Church will soon see paid.

At Blanchester, a debt of more than \$900 was resting on our commodious parsonage. Yet, notwithstanding that our church there was in ashes, and needing to be replaced by another and a better one, our Blanchester sisters took the parsonage debt in hand. They have already reduced the debt to \$300. This small remainder will soon be paid off.

Rev. Frank Leever, pastor of Union Circuit, has rendered Methodism there an important service, by exchanging the cramped and narrow house and lot, heretofore for years used as a parsonage, for a large, new brick structure of ten rooms, having a cellar under the whole building, and a suitable furnace for heating the dwellings. The spacious rooms and the large, dry cellar, a convenient and fertile garden, and a young orchard, with the choicest varieties of fine fruits, are included in this most desirable church property. All these excellencies are enhanced by a fine paddock for horse and cow, and by several springs of good, cold water. The premises, four acres, are on the brow of the hill, overlooking Spring Valley and the valleys and hills of the Little Miami beyond, making up a most charming and picturesque landscape perspective. All the appointments of this elegant dwelling are of the latest and most approved. This parsonage is one of the most lovely and desirable in the district, and, indeed, in the whole Conference.

INSURANCE.

As to church and parsonage insurance, while we record some improvement, there is ample room for a larger measure of enterprise. It is so easy and customary to ignore this important matter, that it would really seem that many of the charges would rather be their own insurers than to pay the small sum necessary to indemnify them against loss by fires and cyclones.

TITLES TO CHURCH PROPERTY.

The titles of all our church property are good, with possibly one or two inconsiderable exceptions. For the church lot at Fairfax, Sugar Tree Ridge, no deed can be found. But a half century of unchallenged possession makes an irrefragable title.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Our Quarterly Conferences are large and well attended. The official members are intelligently devoted and loyal.

TWO REMARKABLE RECORDS.

One of our pastors in his recent report of his three years' pastorate gives the following remarkable facts: Professed conversions, 540; received on probation, 220; Church record of 1893—members, 290; probationers, 10; total, 300. Record of 1895—members, 545; probationers, 11; total, 556; net gain, 256, or eighty per cent increase; expended for church and parsonage improvements, \$1,500; 1,727 pastoral calls; preached 503 times; held 460 social services; baptized 182; married 32 couples; conducted 58 funerals; received for ministerial support, including bishops and presiding elder's claims, and also including \$142 for wedding fees and \$150 for donations, \$2,934, an average, per year, of \$975.

The second is the record of a five years' pastorate: Pastoral visits, 2,048—an average of 412 visits each year; 951 sermons—average, per year, 190; 50 funerals—an average of 10 per year; 38 marriages—an average of nearly eight marriages each year. Church membership, five years ago, 312; present Church membership, 550; increase, 238, or 75 per cent. Baptisms, 200; average per year, 40. Received on probation, 273; an average

of 55 per year. Total number received by letter, 69; into full connection, 269; total, 384. Cash salary received, \$3,760, an average, per year, \$752. Raised for benevolences, \$1,507; average, \$301 per year. Raised for church improvements and current expenses, \$2,115; average, \$423. In addition to cash salary, house rent, \$700; wedding fees, \$203; presents and donations, \$255; total, \$1,158. Total summary of moneys raised: Sunday-schools, \$460; improvements and current expenses, \$2,115; benevolences, \$1,507; salary, \$3,760; added to salary, \$1,158—\$4,918. Other moneys, \$4,045; total, \$8,966; average, per year, \$1,793.

SPIRITUAL CHARACTERISTICS.

The Methodism of Hillsboro District is of the olden type. It is earnest, demonstrative, aggressive, spiritual, in its usual manifestations. Genuine and general revivals have occurred. Backsliders have been reclaimed. Believers have been quickened, edified, built up in the faith. Many of the members have sought and found cleansing in the blood of the Lamb. Awakenings and conversions outside the Church have been fewer than in the two former years. Over twelve hundred persons have professed conversion. Probably as many have united with the Church. Very few charges have been unvisited.

ACCESSIONS AND CONVERSIONS.

These are distributed as follows: Belfast, G. T. Perry, 40; Bowersville, J. A. Winkler, 50; Clarksville, D. D. Cheney, 40; Greenfield, M. Le Sourd, 150; Hillsboro, H. D. Ketcham, 60; Hillsboro Circuit, A. H. Lewis, 50; Jamestown, D. C. Vance, 45; Leesburg, O. M. Sellers, 45; Lexington, J. E. H. Sentman, 50; New Vienna, John A. Easton, 20; Martinsville, John F. Trout, 65; Morrow, W. G. Warner, 15; New Burlington, Philip Trout, 65; New Jasper, R. S. McColm, 30; Rainsboro, J. S. Ruggles, 15; Sabina, I. R. Colley, 55; Union, Frank Leever, 50; Sinking Spring, B. F. Oswald, 54; Sugar Tree Ridge, C. C. Peale, 40; Wilmington, A. N. Spahr, 25; Xenia—First Church, J. J. McCabe, 104; Trinity, C. M. Van Pelt, 20. Winchester, U. G. Humphrey, 45; South Lebanon, J. M. Roberts, 15; Mt. Orab, C. J. Wells, 40; Lynchburg, John Wilson, 20; Blanchester, Andrew Hamilton, 15; total, 1,323.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

J. F. MARLAY, Presiding Elder.

The Springfield District, lying within the counties of Clarke, Champaign, Miami, Dark, and Greene, embraces within its bounds the fairest and most productive portion of Ohio. With the smallest number of pastoral charges, it has, with a single exception, the largest membership—the total enrollment being about 11,000. We have sixty-four churches, valued at \$360,000, with twenty-six parsonages, estimated to be worth nearly \$75,000. Our Sunday-school army, including officers and teachers, is ten thousand strong, while nearly five thousand young people are connected with the Epworth and Junior Leagues of the district. It affords me the sincerest pleasure to be able to state that this great host of young, enthusiastic Christian workers becomes every year more thoroughly organized, and more effective in the work of the Church.

While the revival spirit may have been less pronounced and less general than in some former years, we are able to report that not less than a thousand have been converted at our altars and added to the Church during the year. At some points the Spirit has been poured out graciously, resulting in pentecostal revivals. On Mutual Circuit, Rev. W. T. Stafford pastor, 148 accessions are reported. Cedarville has been favored, also,

with one of the best revivals in the history of that charge, the number of conversions reaching 130. Rev. F. E. Vance, the pastor, has enjoyed four years of ever-growing usefulness and success on that charge. At Tippecanoe City, Rev. J. R. Hill pastor, over a hundred were added to the Churches in that place and at West Milton, and the faithful pastor has had one of the happiest years in his ministry. At South Charleston, Tremont City, Covington, in Urbana, Piqua, Springfield, Troy, and at other points, there have been numerous conversions. At High Street Church in Springfield, Rev. Dr. Story pastor, and where no protracted meeting was held, about fifty have been gathered into the Church by personal work—hand-picked fruit—and the year has been one of growing prosperity in that important charge.

In my report, last year, reference was made to the prolonged drought of the summer, and the consequent failure of crops, entailing great loss upon our people in the agricultural portions of our territory, and that, too, in a time of unprecedented business stagnation throughout the country. While the current year has shown no improvement in the commercial situation, the promise of the early spring was, that the largest crops, in recent years, might be expected to alleviate somewhat the sufferings occasioned by the prolonged "hard times." But again our farmer friends have been doomed to disappointment. The fair prospect of the early springtime was almost completely blighted by the continuous rains of the summer, and once more the tiller of the soil was confronted by an almost fruitless harvest. A pastor of one of our circuits writes me that his people are, many of them, tenants, and will hardly be able to pay their rent.

Under these circumstances, a falling off in the benevolent collections seems inevitable and unavoidable. And yet I gladly testify that the pastors of Springfield District have, without exception, so far as I know, presented these great interests faithfully and earnestly, and a few of them have been able to fully meet their apportionments. It has occurred to me that our pastors, in some cases if not generally, might so employ the standing committees on the great benevolences, as to lighten their own labors somewhat, and at the same time increase the collections. I am satisfied that these great causes were never more dear to our people, and I note, with pleasure, that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society were never more alert and successful in their work.

I spoke a year ago of the destruction of our Church in Greenville by fire, and made grateful mention of the liberal subscription begun, immediately thereafter, for the erection, in its place, of a more commodious and elegant edifice. This great work, begun under the wise leadership of Pastor Spahr, was vigorously prosecuted by his energetic successor, Pastor Conger, both being ably seconded and assisted by Brother Cassatt, who resides in that place. The work has progressed without interruption during the summer, and it is expected that in November next we shall dedicate and occupy one of the most beautiful and convenient churches in the Cincinnati Conference. It will cost, including a handsome pipe-organ, about \$25,000.

At Tippecanoe City, also, Rev. J. R. Hill pastor, our church has been remodeled at a cost of \$10,000, and dedicated free from debt. All things considered, this has been the greatest achievement in church improvement I have ever known. The interior of the reconstructed church is not only modern in all its appointments, but exceedingly beautiful; in fact, the audience-room will compare favorably with that of any of our new, up-to-date churches, and our society in that flourishing town has never had so bright an outlook.

As one result of the revival on Mutual Circuit, already referred to, a new society of about fifty members has been organized at Fountain Park. The corner-stone of a new church at that place was laid a few months ago, and in a few weeks will be ready for occupancy. It will be a handsome edifice, costing about \$2,500.

Only one of our pastors closes with this Conference the full term of five years—Rev. B. D. Hypes. He has labored with great zeal and faithfulness in South Charleston, and will leave the Church in all its material interests in a greatly improved condition. The church, during his term, has been improved and beautified at an outlay of \$2,500, all paid, and the general financial situation of the charge was perhaps never so encouraging as at present. He has also had success in the spiritual work of the Church, each year showing a healthy increase in the membership—the last year being, in this respect, the best probably of the term.

We have lost from our ranks by death, this year, two of our most useful and popular pastors: James Murray and I. C. Page. Brother Murray was reappointed to Mechanicsburg at the urgent request of the Church, through its Quarterly Conference, though it was evident to all that it would probably be his last appointment. He at once entered upon the work with his characteristic ardor, often going far beyond his strength in his efforts to serve his loving and beloved people. As a preacher he had few equals in this body, his sermons being always characterized by freshness, originality, and a deep spiritual insight. He was most tenderly loved by his people, whose kindness to the sick pastor has been spoken of to their praise throughout the Conference, and when, finally, he was taken from them, every heart seemed to feel a sense of personal bereavement.

Brother Page was one of the bright and rising young men of the Conference. He won all hearts, in every community in which he labored, by his genial manners and magnetic personality. He had a consuming zeal to preach the Word, and a genuine passion for soul-saving. Had his life been spared, he would, no doubt, have taken rank with our most useful ministers. His last days were passed in Mechanicsburg, where, in his own home, he breathed his last, surrounded by loving friends.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hedges Fowble, widow of the late Rev. John W. Fowble, died during the year at her home near Moorefield Chapel. She was twice married, her first husband being the gifted Gilbert C. Townley, who died in 1854. Her second marriage was to Rev. J. W. Fowble, for many years a prominent member of this body. Mrs. Fowble was a thoroughly consecrated Christian, and a useful, earnest worker in the Church.

In a few instances pastors in our district will be embarrassed, if not distressed, by the failure of their charges to pay the amounts promised for ministerial support. While the universal stagnation in business may account in part for this, yet I have observed that where the stewards of even the poorest circuits determine to meet their obligations, they generally find a way to do it. The world is still furnishing many illustrations of the ancient proverb, "Where there's a will, there's a way." One of the chief causes of these deficiencies is the unwillingness of official men to give time and earnest, persistent effort to Church-work. I have thought that a smaller number of stewards than the present Disciplinary maximum, and more carefully selected, might result in greater efficiency. But what we need most of all to cure these and other evils is a great and thorough pentecostal revival of religion.

The annual district meeting of the Epworth League, held at Yellow Springs last fall, was the most enthusiastic and satisfactory yet held. It was in evidence, throughout that meeting, that the League is becoming year by year a more thoroughly compact, disciplined, trained body of workers. A young lady, Miss Nellie Schaeffer, presided over all the sessions, and conducted the business of the Convention with great tact and skill.

Owing to the enlargement of our district, I found it necessary to decline a re-election to the superintendency of the Urbana Camp-meeting, my regular work being more than enough to occupy fully every Sabbath of the year. Rev. J. G. Vaughan, of Grace Church, Urbana, has this year had charge of the religious services of the meeting, assisted by the National Holiness Association. The services of the four members of that

organization who were present throughout the meeting, proved to be so acceptable that the Board of Managers, I learn, has invited their return next year. The spiritual interest is reported to have been excellent, resulting in the quickening of believers and the conversion of sinners.

While in this review of the work of the past year there is much to call forth our gratitude, there is ground also for humiliation. That we are not doing our part in the great work of the world's conversion is painfully evident, notwithstanding the rapid growth of the Church in numbers, in wealth, and in all the appliances of usefulness. All history shows that God works by a revived Church. "When the enemy comes in like a flood," a revival is the standard which the Spirit of the Lord lifts up against him. A Christian can not be a pessimist. And so we dare not doubt that the time is hastening when God will emphatically dwell with men—when revivals will come with more frequency, with greater power, to a wider extent, with increased continuance, until, at last, an unbroken cloud shall overspread the world, giving the beauty and glory of the old Eden to the whole world. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

V.

Miscellany.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

To the Cincinnati Conference :

I HEREWITH submit my report as Conference Treasurer for the American University :

Balance from last year, \$o 85

Receipts during the year :

M. E. Ketcham,	10 00
G. W. Vorhis,	5 00
G. V. Morris,	20 00
A. L. Brokaw,	10 00
W. N. Mason,	9 10
J. D. Darling,	8 00
C. W. Briggs,	50 00
J. L. Dalbey,	10 00
A. B. Austin,	10 00
S. O. Royal,	33 00
W. P. Jackson,	5 00
J. P. Ninde,	10 00
J. W. Gaddis,	10 00
John Pearson,	10 00
C. H. Kalbfus,	10 00
A. G. Newton,	5 00
D. S. Ewry,	5 00
C. L. Spencer,	100 00
C. D. Munsey,	10 00
W. A. Wiant,	8 00
G. L. Tufts,	22 00
H. D. Ketcham,	10 00
J. L. Shively,	10 00
W. P. Jackson,	5 00
J. W. Mason,	25 00

Total, \$410 95

Disbursements :

S. L. Beiler, Vice-Chancellor American University, . . .	\$330 10
Postage,	25

Total, \$330 35

Cash on hand, 80 60

Total, \$410 95

FRANK G. MITCHELL,
Conference Treasurer for American University.

PIQUA, OHIO, September 8, 1896.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES

Of the Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Funds invested and loaned as follows :

Little Miami Railroad bonds,	\$1,500 00
Interest-bearing notes,	4,900 00
Lot in Madisonville,	70 00
Total,	\$6,470 00

Receipts for the Year ending September 2, 1896.

Interest on Little Miami Railroad bonds,	\$120 00
Interest on sundry notes,	365 00
Total,	\$485 00

Disbursements for the Year ending September 2, 1896.

Taxes on Madisonville lot,	\$1 74
Expenses,	3 26
Paid Board of Stewards,	480 00
Total,	\$485 00

The Board is constituted as follows :

President, H. C. Weakley; Secretary, J. P. Porter; Treasurer, J. T. Bail; Sylvester Weeks, Wm. Herr, John F. Loyd, A. N. Spahr.

This Certifies that we have audited the accounts of the treasurer, and find them correct.

H. C. WEAKLEY.

PIQUA, O., September 4, 1896.

Attest: J. P. PORTER, *Secretary.*

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

WE, your Committee on Publishing Minutes, present this pamphlet as our report. The expense for printing and publishing last year, including \$16.92 Conference expenses, amounted to \$529.29. Of this sum \$254.34 were paid by preachers for Minutes sold, and \$251.55 were secured for advertisements. Other sources netted enough to about balance the accounts for the year. The special features of last year were greatly appreciated, and it is our endeavor to introduce in each year's issue such matter as to make this annual pamphlet of permanent value. This year, we have the pastoral record again brought up to date. If it contain any mistakes, we should be glad in the interest of truthful history to have our attention called to them. The Historical Paper which appears in this number is printed at the expense of the Conference Historical Society, and it is expected that similar contributions will be made each year.

On account of these special features our pastors can afford to push the sale of the Minutes, and can assure the people that money thus spent is a wise investment.

S. O. ROYAL, *Chairman.*

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

AFTER a lapse of eight years, a public annual meeting in the interest of this Society was held in Piqua. The audience was very large, and much interested in the annual report and in the able and eloquent addresses of Drs. Morris and Curts. A favorable and warm feeling of interest was awakened in the great congregation; but no appeal for additional members or funds was made, which was a serious oversight.

The life-membership fee is ten dollars; the annual fee is one dollar. Much relief was afforded to worthy cases during the year. No preacher can know when himself, or widow or children, may be kindly aided by this Society; hence he will do well to be personally identified with it in his better days. The growth of the working capital is slow and steady, and secured by the annual income, annual fees, voluntary contributions, and bequests. A bequest of at least \$2,500 was reported during the year. The interest-bearing capital amounts to \$16,500, and the non-interest-bearing amount is some \$5,500. Total \$22,000. Loans are made in sums from one hundred to one thousand dollars, well secured. All the business of this Society is conducted carefully and correctly, without cost. Regular meetings of the Finance Committee, to consider applications, are held on the first Monday in November, January, March, May, and July, at the Book Concern, Cincinnati. About one-third of the members of the Cincinnati Conference at present hold relation to this humane Society. All the ministers of the Conference are kindly appealed to, to become members, and to send their names and fee to the secretary or treasurer at an early date.

OFFICERS.

President—R. S. RUST.
Vice-President—J. T. BAIL.
Secretary—H. C. WEAKLEY.
Treasurer—THOMAS COLLETT.

Managers—William Herr, John G. Black, F. Leever, D. L. Aultman, J. S. Whitney, R. Dymond, J. W. Mason, J. P. Porter, C. L. Conger, Robert Johnson, L. C. Greeno.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts for the Year ending September 1, 1896.

From balance in treasury from last year,	\$233 14
From membership fees,	71 00
From interest on notes collected,	878 00
From notes maturing and paid,	2,358 88
From Bishop J. M. Walden (donation),	25 00
Total,	\$3,566 02

Disbursed for the Year ending September 1, 1896.

For relief as per orders,	\$526 00
For taxes and expenses on land, Xenia,	53 01
For travel, stationery, and postages,	19 80
For loans,	2,600 00
Cash in treasury,	367 21
Total,	\$3,566 02

Whole account duly audited by Committee.

THOMAS COLLETT,
Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

THE JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.

Report of the Trustees to the Cincinnati Conference, August 31, 1896.

ASSETS.

1. United States 4% Bonds,	\$300 00
2. City of Cincinnati, Deficiency Bonds,	1,000 00
3. City of Cincinnati, Consolidated Sinking Fund Bonds,	2,000 00
4. Real estate note at 7% interest,	1,500 00
5. Real estate note at 7% interest,	500 00
6. Real estate note at 7% interest,	500 00
7. Personal note at 6% interest,	1,950 00
Total assets,	\$7,750 00

RECEIPTS.

1. Cash on hand August 1, 1895,	\$414 34
2. Interest on mortgages,	383 78
3. Interest on bonds,	132 00
	\$930 12

DISBURSEMENTS.

1. Ohio Wesleyan University, per voucher of G. H. Hart- uppee, Auditor, January 24, 1896,	\$71 58
2. Illinois Wesleyan University, per voucher of John Reed, Treasurer, January 24, 1896,	71 58
3. Cincinnati Conference Claimants, per voucher of John Pearson, August 14, 1896,	143 17
4. Cash on hand—due	\$86 28
Cincinnati Ladies' Home Mission,	557 51
	643 79
	930 12

We hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the present condition of the John Mears Bequest.

THOMAS H. PEARNE,
JOHN PEARSON,
J. R. CLARK,

Trustees of the John Mears Bequest.

REPORT OF THE CINCINNATI CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

THE Cincinnati Church Extension Society has now been in existence eight years. During this short period it has disbursed in the Cincinnati District the goodly sum of \$64,548.59.

The Society was organized for the dual purpose of Church Extension and Missionary work, but almost immediately, by force of circumstances, its paramount duty became the saving of Church property already in jeopardy. And under this one head of "Church aid" it has expended \$17,864.03. It may be interesting to itemize this sum, giving the names of the seventeen Churches, the amounts expended, and upon what account:

McLean, mortgage debt and pastoral aid, \$5,212.68; Camp Washington, mortgage, interest, and repairs, \$2,319.89; Ivanhoe, last half of mortgage debt, \$422.45; St. John, mortgage interest, \$715; Pendleton, mortgage debt, \$1,720; McKendree, last of total indebtedness, \$310.50; Norwood, building association dues, \$192.56; Addyston, new church building, \$1,205; Riverside, new church building and pastoral aid, \$1,068; Price

Hill, ground-rent, \$695; Columbia, new church building, \$465.42; Cummins ville, new church building, \$250; North Fairmount, building association dues, \$95.76; Arlington, supplies, \$40; Mt. Zion (Walnut Hills colored), rent and church building, \$662; Second Cummins ville (colored), rent, \$410; Pendleton (colored), rent, \$7.50; interest, \$2,072.27.

The Society has built two Mission churches, at O'Bryonville and McMicken Avenue, expending \$8,368.98. These two churches are out of debt except rental upon the latter, the ground being too expensive to purchase for our purpose.

The Society has expended in missionary work, ministerial support, and general expenses, the sum of \$38,315.58. Six missions (including the Italian) have been organized, equipped, and conducted. A special series of services were conducted in one of the city's lowest theaters. The deaconesses have been associated with us. A benevolent fund, created by special gift, has been a blessing to our needy poor. A monthly paper was conducted in the interests of city evangelization, and the Gospel Wagon has been operated. The specific work of the Society through these past years has thus been detailed. How can the general influence of such an organization be estimated? It is perhaps enough to say that it is now recognized as one of the essential factors in Cincinnati Methodism.

The past year has, of course, been a trying one financially, and yet the Society has gone steadily forward even increasing its current indebtedness believing that it was justified in its course. Seven needy Churches have been aided during the year. Five missions equipped for Church-work have been operated. The benevolent fund (\$550) has been distributed to the poor. The Forward Movement of the District Epworth League—a series of meetings packing old Wesley for two weeks—was conducted by the Superintendent of the Society. The Gospel Wagon, under the discreet management of the Superintendent, has been gaining ground. It is presenting Christ to the crowds, is a fresh manifestation of old-time Methodist fire, is susceptible of great development with the Churches, and is worthy of unlimited confidence and support.

The Superintendent, Rev. Madison Swadener, has proved himself eminently adapted to the work, and has won new friends to the Society and himself during the past year. With a practical insight into the general financial situation and its direct effect upon the Society, he proposed, with true Christian grace, to relieve it of any burden so far as he personally was concerned, and tendered his resignation. The Board of Trustees declined to accept it. Mr. Swadener then proposed, with heroic fortitude, a reduction of \$700 in his salary for the ensuing year, in his desire to bring the pay-roll within the natural income of the Society.

I am instructed by the unanimous vote of the largest meeting of the Board of Trustees ever held, to request you to appoint Rev. Madison Swadener as Superintendent of the Cincinnati Church Extension Society for the ensuing year.

Respectfully, J. R. CLARK, *President*.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR.	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Houston, Ky., .	{ Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
			{ Richard Whatcoat, .	
1806.	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14,	Chillicothe, O.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1, . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	{ Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
			{ W. McKendree, . .	
1809.	September 30,	Cincinnati, O.,	{ Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
			{ W. McKendree, . .	
1810.	September 6, .	Shelbyville, Ky.,	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1, .	Steubenville, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8, .	Cincinnati, O.,	John Sale, P. E., . .	David Young.
1815.	September 14,	Lebanon, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3, .	Louisville, Ky.,	{ W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
			{ Enoch George, . .	
1817.	September 3, .	Zanesville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
			{ R. R. Roberts, . .	
1818.	August 7, . .	Steubenville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . .	John Tevis.
			{ Enoch George, . .	
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . .	Cornelius Springer.
			{ Enoch George, . .	
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6, .	Lebanon, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . .	Cornelius Springer.
			{ R. R. Roberts, . .	
1822.	September 5, .	Marietta, O.,	{ Enoch George, . .	Cornelius Springer.
			{ W. McKendree, . .	
1823.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1824.	September 2, .	Zanesville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . .	James Collard.
			{ R. R. Roberts, . .	
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O.,	{ J. Soule,	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O.,	{ Enoch George, . .	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19,	Cincinnati, O.,	{ E. Hedding,	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	{ Enoch George, . .	G. R. Jones.
			{ R. R. Roberts, . .	
1829.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	{ R. R. Roberts, . .	G. R. Jones.
			{ W. McKendree, . .	
1830.	September 8, .	Laurens, O.,	{ J. Soule,	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8, .	Mansfield, O.,	{ E. Hedding,	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	{ J. Emory,	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	{ R. R. Roberts, . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O.,	{ J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ O. J. Andrew, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O.,	{ J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1836.	September 28,	Chillicothe, O.,	{ J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27,	Xenia, O.,	{ R. R. Roberts, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26,	Columbus, O.,	{ B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18,	Cincinnati, O.,	{ J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1840.	September 30,	Zanesville, O.,	{ E. Hedding,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ J. Soule,	
1841.	August 25, . .	Urbana, O.,	{ R. R. Roberts, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1842.	September 28,	Hamilton, O.,	{ T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1843.	September 27,	Chillicothe, O.,	{ J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1844.	September 4, .	Marietta, O.,	{ B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ J. Soule,	
1845.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O.,	{ L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1846.	September 2, .	Piqua, O.,	{ T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1847.	September 1, .	Columbus, O.,	{ E. S. Janes,	J. M. Trimble.
1848.	September 27,	Newark, O.,	{ L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1849.	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	{ B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ L. L. Hamline, . . .	
1850.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	{ E. S. Janes,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ T. A. Morris,	
1851.	September 17,	Springfield, O.,	{ T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1852.	September 22,	Xenia, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1853.	September 28,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1854.	September 23,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. Scott,	J. T. Mitchell.
1855.	September 26,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1856.	October 1,	Ripley, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1857.	September 9,	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1858.	September 8,	Lebanon, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1859.	September 7,	Dayton, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1860.	September 5,	Oxford, O.,	M. Simpson,	J. T. Mitchell.
1861.	September 4,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1862.	September 3,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1863.	September 2,	Xenia, O.,	O. C. Baker,	W. H. Sutherland.
1864.	September 8,	Greenfield, O.,	M. Simpson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1865.	August 30,	Troy, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1866.	August 29,	Ripley, O.,	E. Thomson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1867.	August 28,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	W. H. Sutherland.
1868.	August 20,	Hamilton, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1869.	August 25,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1870.	August 24,	Piqua, O.,	E. S. Janes,	W. H. Sutherland.
1871.	August 30,	Dayton, O.,	L. Scott,	W. H. Sutherland.
1872.	August 28,	Eaton, O.,	I. W. Wiley,	W. H. Sutherland.
1873.	August 27,	Springfield, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1874.	August 26,	Wilmington, O.,	R. S. Foster,	W. H. Sutherland.
1875.	September 1,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	W. H. Sutherland.
1876.	August 30,	Oxford, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	W. H. Sutherland.
1877.	September 5,	Xenia, O.,	G. Haven,	W. H. Sutherland.
1878.	September 4,	Piqua, O.,	W. L. Harris,	David Judson Starr.
1879.	September 3,	Urbana, O.,	M. Simpson,	David Judson Starr.
1880.	September 1,	Middletown, O.,	Jesse T. Peck,	David Judson Starr.
1881.	September 7,	Springfield, O.,	Isaac W. Wiley,	David Judson Starr.
1882.	September 6,	Dayton, O.,	T. Bowman,	David Judson Starr.
1883.	September 5,	Hamilton, O.,	R. S. Foster,	David Judson Starr.
1884.	September 3,	Hillsboro, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885.	September 3,	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.,	W. L. Harris,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886.	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	J. M. Walden,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887.	August 31,	Mechanicsburg, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1888.	September 5,	Jamestown, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1889.	September 4,	Xenia, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1890.	August 27,	Greenville, O.,	I. W. Joyce,	Stanley O. Royal.
1891.	September 2,	Urbana, O.,	R. S. Foster,	Stanley O. Royal.
1892.	August 31,	Middletown, O.,	W. X. Ninde,	Stanley O. Royal.
1893.	August 30,	Troy, O.,	J. F. Hurst,	Stanley O. Royal.
1894.	September 5,	Wilmington, O.,	D. A. Goodsell,	Stanley O. Royal.
1895.	August 28,	Hamilton, O.,	C. D. Foss,	Stanley O. Royal.
1896.	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.

VI.

Conference Studies.

a. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

FRANK G. MITCHELL, <i>Chairman.</i>	G. W. DUBOIS.	W. H. WEHRLEY.
CHARLES L. CONGER, <i>Registrar.</i>	J. A. STORY.	H. D. KETCHAM.
W. A. ROBINSON.	E. O. BUXTON.	C. W. BARNES.
F. M. CLEMANS.	J. P. PORTER.	J. A. WHITE.
	J. E. ABRAMS.	A. C. TURRELL.
	U. G. HUMPHREY.	

b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS AND SUBJECTS.

N. B.—The figures appended to each study indicate the number of minutes allotted to the examination.

Section 1. U. G. HUMPHREY.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher*, 60; Leading Facts of American History, *Montgomery*, 60; Introduction to the Gospel Records, *Nast*, 45.

Section 2. H. D. KETCHAM.—Introduction to the Holy Scriptures, *Harman*, 90; Smaller Scripture History, *Smith*, 45; Theological Compend, *Binney*, 45.

Section 3. W. H. WEHRLEY.—Systematic Theology, *Miley*, 90; Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, *Merrill*, 60; Christian Baptism, *Merrill*, 60.

Section 4. E. O. BUXTON.—Exegetical Studies in the Gospels, *Horswell*, 60; Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch, *Warren*, 60; Exegetical Studies in Isaiah, *Warren*, 60; Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, *Walker*, 60.

Section 5. C. W. BARNES.—Biblical Hermeneutics, *Terry*, 90; Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley*, 45; Sermons and Essays of Local Preachers.

Section 6. C. L. CONGER.—History of the Christian Church, *Hurst*, 60; History of American Methodism, *Stevens*, 60; Short History of the Christian Church, *Hurst*, 45.

Section 7. J. A. STORY.—Theological Encyclopedia and Methodology, *Crooks and Hurst*, 90; Principles of Rhetoric, *Hill*, 60.

Section 8. F. G. MITCHELL.—Analogy of Natural and Revealed Religion, *Butler*, 90; Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1896, 60; Digest of Methodist Law, *Merrill*, 60.

Section 9. J. A. WHITE.—Elementary English Branches; Life of John Wesley, *Telford*, 60; Systematic Theology, *Raymond*, 60.

Section 10. A. C. TURRELL.—Elements of Psychology, *Hill*, 60; Larger Catechism, *Nast*, 45; Sermons of Candidates for Admission; Books to be read by Local Preachers.

Section 11. F. M. CLEMANS.—The Supernatural Book, *Foster*, 90; Outlines of Bible History, *Hurst*, 45; Essays of Candidates for Admission; Books to be read.

Section 12. J. E. ABRAMS.—Manual of Christian Evidences, *Row*, 60; Sermons and Essays Class of First Year; Books to be read.

Section 13. J. P. PORTER.—Lessons in Logic, *Jevons*, 60; Sermons and Essays Class of Second Year; Books to be read.

Section 14. G. W. DUBOIS.—English and American Literature, *Wheeler*, 90; Sermons and Essays, Class of Third Year; Books to be read.

Section 15. W. A. ROBINSON.—Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching, *Buckley*, 60; Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, *Broadus*, 60; Sermons and Essays Class of Fourth Year; Books to be read.

c. EXAMINATIONS.

EXAMINATIONS will be held in Book Concern Hall, Cincinnati; Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Dayton; Methodist Episcopal Church, Hillsboro; Methodist Episcopal Church, Milford; and Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Springfield,—at 10 A. M., November 17, 1896, and at 9 A. M., July 9, 1897; and in High Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Springfield, at 9 A. M. the day before the Conference session of 1897.

Examinations in November will be in:

FIRST YEAR.—Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley*; Principles of Rhetoric, *Hill*.

SECOND YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in the Pauline Epistles, *Horswell*; Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1896.

THIRD YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch, *Warren*; Written Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in Isaiah, *Warren*; Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, *Broadus*.

RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. The maximum number of questions on any branch shall be twenty; the minimum, ten.
2. Each examiner shall send the grades to the registrar and student at the close of examination.
3. No student making a grade of 70 per cent or more shall be re-examined by the Board.
4. All examinations shall be on paper of letter size and of good quality.
5. The examiner shall retain all examination papers until the student has completed the course.

d. CLASSES.

FOURTH YEAR, 1897.—	Charles L. Mackey, . . .	Member, . . .	Deacon.
	* Isaac R. Marshall, . . .	Member, . . .	Deacon.
	Wilbur N. Mason, . . .	Probationer, Local Deac'n.	
	George H. Smith, . . .	Member, . . .	Deacon.
THIRD YEAR, 1898.—	Harley E. Armacost, . . .	Member, . . .	Deacon.
	Edward L. Hollingsworth, . . .	Member, . . .	Deacon.
	** Wm. H. Hutchinson, . . .	Probationer, Not ordain'd.	
	George B. Shanor, . . .	Probationer, Not ordain'd.	
SECOND YEAR, 1899.—	‡‡ Benjamin F. Oswald, . . .	Member, . . .	Deacon.
	Rufus J. Wyckoff, . . .	Probationer, Local Deac'n.	
	† Charles L. Chapman, . . .	Probationer, Not ordain'd.	
	† Earl M. Ellsworth, . . .	Probationer, Not ordain'd.	
FIRST YEAR, 1900.—	‡† James A. Jenkinson, . . .	Probationer, Not ordain'd.	
	Clifford L. Myers, . . .	Probationer, Not ordain'd.	
	† Charles E. Peale, . . .	Probationer, Not ordain'd.	
	‡† Samuel A. Stephan, . . .	Probationer, Not ordain'd.	
	Stephen B. Timmons, . . .	Probationer, Local Elder.	
	Warren J. Dunham, . . .	Probationer, Not ordain'd.	
	James A. Geissinger, . . .	Probationer, Not ordain'd.	
	Archie W. Hook, . . .	Probationer, Local Elder.	
	Lewis E. Linzell, . . .	Probationer, Not ordain'd.	
	Wm. L. Spence, . . .	Probationer, Not ordain'd.	

N. B.—1. The members of these classes are advanced on condition of bringing up back studies as follows: *, Hermeneutics; **, Books to be read; †, History; ‡, Harman's Introduction; ‡‡, Exegesis. 2. ‡‡, credited with Supernatural Book.

VII.

In Memoriam.

"Call the laborers and give them their hire."—MATT. XX, 8.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Young- graded Bishop.	REMARKS.
		Conference.	Y'r.		
Thomas Coke.....	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury.....	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1781	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat.....	Feb. 23, 1736	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree.....	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808	Died in Tennessee, March 3, 1835.
Enoch George.....	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert K. Roberts.....	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore.	1802	1816	Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule.....	Aug. 1, 1781	New York.	1799	1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding.....	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng..	1801	1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew....	May 3, 1794	S. Carol'a	1813	1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71
John Emory.....	April 11, 1789	Phila.....	1810	1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Wagh.....	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore.	1809	1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris.....	April 28, 1794	Ohio.....	1816	1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline.....	May 10, 1797	Ohio.....	1833	1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65.
Edmund Storer James....	April 27, 1807	Phila.....	1830	1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott.....	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila.....	1825	1852	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson.....	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg..	1834	1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker.....	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames.....	May 20, 1806	Illinois....	1830	1852	Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns.....	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia.....	1838	1853	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark.....	Feb. 25, 1812	New York.	1843	1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson.....	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio.....	1832	1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie.....	1841	1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia....	1838	1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris.....	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan..	1837	1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley.....	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila.....	1851	1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven.....	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Engl'd.	1851	1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck.....	April 4, 1811	Oneida.....	1832	1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven.....	Nov. 1, 1820	New York.	1848	1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.

* Missionary Bishops.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt,		Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky, . . .	...
William Young,	May 16, 1786,	July 8, 1812, Ohio,	26
Ralph Lotspeich, . . .	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia, . .	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio,	32
Walter Griffith, . . .	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland, . .	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O., . .	40
Samuel Baker,	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland, . .	Sept. 26, 1823, Middletown, O.,	30
Alexander Cummins, .	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia, . .	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.,	36
Nathan Walker,	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland, . .	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.,	30
John Walker,	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia, . .	April 5, 1849,	52
John Sale,	April 4, 1769, Virginia, . .	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O., . . .	58
Michael Ellis,	May 5, 1758,	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O., .	72
John Ulin,	1792, Virginia,	July 13, 1833, Richmond, O., .	41
James F. Callaghan, .		Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O., . .	...
Thomas F. Sargent, . .	April 10, 1776, Maryland, . .	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O., .	57
William Page,	Sept. 1772, New Jersey, . . .	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio,	62
Philip Gatch,	March 21, 1751, Maryland, . .	Dec. 28, 1834, Ohio,	83
Russel Bigelow,	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire,	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O., . .	43
William Phillips, . . .	May 7, 1797, Kentucky, . . .	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O., .	39
Erastus Felton,	Jan. 28, 1798, New York, . . .	June 25, 1837, Ohio,	39
John A. Waterman, . .	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire,	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O., . . .	47
James W. Finley,	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio,	June 11, 1838, Kentucky, . . .	38
William D. Barrett, . .	July, 19, 1797, Virginia, . . .	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio,	42
Dudley Woodbridge, .	1814, Ohio,	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O., . .	25
Frederick B. Butler, .	July 22, 1803, Virginia, . . .	March 5, 1839, Ohio,	36
Moses Crume,	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia, . . .	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O., . . .	73
George Fate,	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio,	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O., . .	20

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Charles R. Baldwin, .	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill,	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island, . .	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley, . .	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania, .	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie, .	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter, . . .	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania, .	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O.,	44
Alfred Hance,	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey, . . .	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W. Kanaga, . . .	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones, .	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania, .	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O., .	60
Henry S. Farnaudis, .	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O., .	52
John Collins,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey, . . .	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky, . . .	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania, .	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O., . . .	53
William R. Anderson, .	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O., . .	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper, . .	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O., . .	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania, .	Oct. 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O.,	65
William Parrish, . . .	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lexington, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O., .	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania, .	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow, .	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania, .	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin, . . .	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland, . . .	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery,	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania, .	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt, .	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O., .	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud,	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington, .	March 13, 1814, England, . . .	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner, . .	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis, . . .	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O., .	26
O. P. Williams,	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor, . . .	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux, . . .	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O., . . .	33
Ebenezer B. Chase, . .	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....
Wm. H. Raper,	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens, . . .	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson, . .	1825	June 4, 1853	51	Tchr	A. P. Dunlap,	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith, . .	1846	July 16, 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain,	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley, .	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe,	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch, . . .	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell,	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin, . . .	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt, . . .	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation,	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears,	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith,	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker,	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
George W. Walker, . .	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe,	1832	.....	1864	31
B. Brownmiller, . . .	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp,	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley, . . .	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West, . . .	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett, . .	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. E. Spahr,	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins,	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb, . .	1826	May 17, 1866	..	40
Samuel Neer,	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White,	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin, . . .	1828	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay,	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany,	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed,	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott, . .	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley, . . .	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson, . . .	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch, . .	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow, . . .	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown,	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer, . .	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith,	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Horace S. Sellman, . .	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin,	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber, . .	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove, . . .	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
William Kaetter, . . .	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain, . .	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland, . .	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 17, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall,	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dan'l D. Davisson, .	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger, . .	1855	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowle, . . .	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall,	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	John Shinn,	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schmucker, . .	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff,	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker,	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys,	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffis,	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller,	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser, . . .	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector,	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe,	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner, . .	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson,	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh, . .	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell, . .	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher, . . .	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
George W. Harris, . . .	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	H. M. Curry,	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Con- ference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Min- istry.....	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Con- ference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Min- istry.....
James Armstrong.	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47	Dennis Callahan,	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38
W. Simmons, . .	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54	J. W. Stone, . . .	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49
N. C. Parrish, . .	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10	G. Moody,	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52
W. Rontledge, . .	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32	D. Whitmer, . . .	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41
M. G. Purkiser, .	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40	R. Brandriff, . . .	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64
E. House,	1865	May 20, 1875	50	10	Wm. Young, . . .	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55
J. C. Bontecou, . .	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48	J. S. Peregrine, . .	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37
N. Callender, . . .	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51	S. F. Conrey, . . .	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51
P. A. Ogden, . . .	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51	M. P. Gaddis, . . .	1838	July 8, 1888	77	50
Samuel Brown, . .	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35	Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51
T. A. G. Phillips,	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44	Allen W. Tibbits,	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43
Wm. H. Lawder, . .	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44	Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35
Wm. I. Ellsworth,	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43	Ephraim M. Cole,	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39
Elijah H. Field, . .	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54	William Malron, . .	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21
A. Meharry,	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37	Jer'h H. Bayliss, .	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30
Jos. A. Reeder, . .	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49	Geo. H. Kennedy,	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36
John C. Deem, . . .	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25	Sam'l A. Brewster,	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36
J. McD. Mathews,	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	45	Thomas Lee,	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40
John F. Wright, . .	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64	J. W. Keely,	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48
Wm. H. Miesse, . .	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10	J. F. Conrey, . . .	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52
John Barton, . . .	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43	L. F. Van Cleve, . .	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44
Herman Liders, . .	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4	G. W. Kelley, . . .	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37
David Warnock, . .	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48	W. E. Hines,	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37
James Kendall, . .	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31	W. N. Williams, . .	1855	Oct. 8, 1892	77	37
George C. Crum, . .	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51	J. P. Bishop,	1880	Nov. 20, 1892	43	12
John W. Weakley,	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	69	45	A. U. Beall,	1852	May 19, 1894	67	42
Charles Kalbfus, . .	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56	D. H. Sargent, . . .	1846	Aug. 15, 1894	77	48
Jas. F. McClelland,	1864	Jan. 19, 1883	...	19	T. S. Cowden, . . .	1848	Jan. 17, 1895	68	47
Willis M. Boyer, . .	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	48	11	Henry Stokes, . . .	1852	Jan. 23, 1895	67	43
Nimrod McDonald	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27	Benj. Glascock, . .	1849	May 30, 1895	72	46
David Kemper, . . .	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47	W. B. Jackson, . . .	1847	May 16, 1895	86	48
Charles Ferguson,	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39	W. R. Webster, . . .	1842	Sep. 25, 1895	81	53
Milton G. Baker, . .	1843	Sep. 26, 1884	69	41	I. C. Page,	1888	Jan. 5, 1896	32	7
James F. Chalfant,	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41	Jas. Murray,	1865	Mar. 6, 1896	58	30
Jesse M. Robinson	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33	Mighill Dustin, . .	1836	Mar. 10, 1896	86	60
Andrew Murphy, . .	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48	Simon McChesney	1858	June 20, 1896	57	38
John N. Irvin, . . .	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12	W. L. Hypes,	1849	July 26, 1896	68	46
Joseph J. Hill, . . .	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55	E. C. Smith,	1870	Aug. 22, 1896	71	26
John C. Maddy, . .	1852	Dec. 12, 1885	63	33					

Memoirs.

REV. WESLEY WEBSTER.

Rev. Wesley Webster was born, December 24, 1814, in Meigs County, Ohio. He was the twelfth child in a family of thirteen children. After the usual elementary education in such private schools as were accessible at that time, he entered the Ohio University in 1838, intending to take the full college course. He was compelled, however, to relinquish this purpose on account of failing health; and yet he did not abandon by any means the determination to cultivate his mind to the utmost extent of his opportunities. When about sixteen years of age, he attended a camp-meeting held within the bounds of Athens Circuit, at which he was consciously and blessedly saved. This occurred a little after midnight on the morning of May 24, 1830. He united with the Church in August of the same year, under the ministry of Rev. James Armstrong.

While attending school in Athens he was appointed a class-leader, and in 1840 was licensed to exhort. About a year later—July 16, 1841—he

was licensed to preach, and in the fall of 1842 was admitted into the Ohio Conference. His first circuit, Marysville, had twenty-five appointments, to be visited every four weeks, and to do this it was necessary to travel about two hundred and twenty-five miles. His subsequent appointments were Jamestown, South Charleston, Marysville, Hebron, Thornville, Rushville, New Lexington, Union, New Carlisle, Red Lion and Springboro; Davisson Chapel, Dayton; Concord, King's Creek, North Lewisburg, Fletcher, Centenary, and New Lexington. Since 1870 he has been in the superannuated relation. I learn from a private journal kept by Brother Webster, that his average salary during the twenty-eight years of his effective ministry was \$375.

On the 17th of June, 1845, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Davisson, daughter of Isaac Davisson, of South Charleston, Ohio. Concerning this most important step he writes in his journal as follows: "And now, after the flight of many years, I desire to acknowledge the guiding hand of God in my marriage relation."

A few years ago Brother Webster, in a review of his life, wrote as follows: "I believe I was divinely called to preach the gospel, and during the years of my active service in the Conference I devoted myself faithfully to the work. Though I have served in much weakness, yet I believe God has honored me to be the instrument in saving some. I hope and pray that my life's labor may be sprinkled with the blood of the atonement, and that God will accept it at my hands."



REV. WESLEY WEBSTER.

About five years ago, Brother Webster wrote the following note, to be read in love-feast under the impression, apparently, that it might be his last testimony: "I realize that I am nearing the sunset of human life. I have lived in this community eighteen years. In my intercourse with the Church and this people I have sought to be actuated by a spirit of love, integrity, and moral honesty. And yet I would not claim that I have been free from error, the world, and the temptations of Satan.

Yet God affords great help: 'When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.' I feel that I am taking the chances, so to speak, of the unseen world. Yet I am glad that I live. I thank God for the gift of life, and for what he has promised to those who love him. It will be sixty years next May since I was converted; since which time I have endeavored to be a faithful Christian. I feel, however, that I have come short of measuring up to my ideal of a model Christian. My only hope rests in the fact that Jesus died for me. I expect to be made complete in him. As all rivers tend toward the ocean, so all my desires, purposes, and hopes reach out to gain the better life. I desire a heart of love and tenderness, filled with faith and the Holy Ghost."

No one who knew Wesley Webster will doubt the exact truthfulness of every word above quoted. He was one of the most ardent friends of the cause of missions and education, devoting thousands of dollars, nay more—the entire accumulations of his lifetime to these great causes. His death, which occurred at his home in South Charleston, Ohio, September 25, 1895, was peaceful and triumphant.

J. F. MARLAY.

ISAAC CLAY PAGE.

Isaac Clay Page lived in this world thirty-two years, eight months, and nine days. The son of John and Elizabeth Page, he was born near Catawba, Ohio, April 27, 1863, and at Mechanicsburg, Ohio, on January 5, 1896, he entered into everlasting rest. Brought up by Christian parents, while yet a lad he gave his heart to God, and united with the Church under the ministry of H. C. Weakley. Soon after his conversion came the undoubted call to preach the gospel; but feeling his unworthiness, it was put to one side, and Brother Page chose as his life-work the occupation of a telegrapher. But the call became so strong that at last he yielded, and, feeling the need of a better education, he entered the Theological School of Wittenberg College, at Springfield, Ohio, where he remained two years, and then, at the session of this Conference held at Jamestown, Ohio, in 1888, he was admitted on trial, and appointed to South Charleston Circuit, where he remained for two years; then three years at Mutual, one at Batavia, one at Christiansburg; after which four months of superannuation, and then came the transfer to the Church Triumphant.

He was married to Miss Addie Gordon, of Catawba, March 5, 1884, and to them were born three children. The youngest, Herschell, God took unto himself in September, 1894.

When Brother Page was sent to Batavia, he was in his usual good health, and bade fair of having a long and pleasant pastorate with that society; and as the days went by, the people indeed felt as if one was among them who loved God and God's Church and God's people. But in early spring came a very severe attack of la grippe. Then came the struggle for health and life that was prolonged for twenty months, only to result, when viewed on the earthward side, as defeat, but from the heavenward as victory and coronation.

Isaac Clay Page was an earnest, loving Christian. The impress of purity was on his face. His manners were pleasing, his nature genial. He made friends wherever he went; he bound his friends to him. They loved him; they could not help but love him, for he was worthy of their love. He loved to preach, and the truths of Christ's gospel were spoken by him with no uncertain sound; for he possessed that nature that helped him, not to ask what was the smoother, but what would God have him do and speak; and then, from an earnest, loving heart, came the message. He was of that fiber that he could speak the needed word so earnestly, yet so tenderly, so lovingly, that the ones for whom the message was sent could not help but hear and heed.

With him there was an intense longing to live, not so much for himself as for the loved ones and the Church. For a long while he could not give up the thought that the Master had much work for him to do, and he was to be spared to do that work. He was young in years, and he must once more get strong, and again tell the story so wonderful of salvation by faith in the Great Savior; but as the body grew more and more frail, the truth dawned upon him that the earthly work was nearing completion, that the Heavenly Father had other and different plans for his child. There was a struggle, a long, severe struggle, that ended in victory;

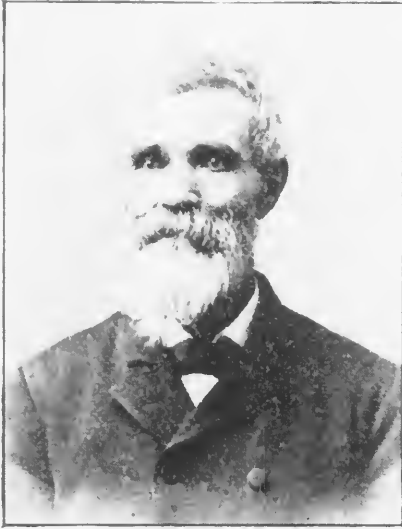


ISAAC CLAY PAGE.

was licensed to preach, and in the fall of 1842 was admitted into the Ohio Conference. His first circuit, Marysville, had twenty-five appointments, to be visited every four weeks, and to do this it was necessary to travel about two hundred and twenty-five miles. His subsequent appointments were Jamestown, South Charleston, Marysville, Hebron, Thornville, Rushville, New Lexington, Union, New Carlisle, Red Lion and Springboro; Davisson Chapel, Dayton; Concord, King's Creek, North Lewisburg, Fletcher, Centenary, and New Lexington. Since 1870 he has been in the superannuated relation. I learn from a private journal kept by Brother Webster, that his average salary during the twenty-eight years of his effective ministry was \$375.

On the 17th of June, 1845, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Davisson, daughter of Isaac Davisson, of South Charleston, Ohio. Concerning this most important step he writes in his journal as follows: "And now, after the flight of many years, I desire to acknowledge the guiding hand of God in my marriage relation."

A few years ago Brother Webster, in a review of his life, wrote as follows: "I believe I was divinely called to preach the gospel, and during the years of my active service in the Conference I devoted myself faithfully to the work. Though I have served in much weakness, yet I believe God has honored me to be the instrument in saving some. I hope and pray that my life's labor may be sprinkled with the blood of the atonement, and that God will accept it at my hands."



REV. WESLEY WEBSTER.

About five years ago, Brother Webster wrote the following note, to be read in love-feast under the impression, apparently, that it might be his last testimony: "I realize that I am nearing the sunset of human life. I have lived in this community eighteen years. In my intercourse with the Church and this people I have sought to be actuated by a spirit of love, integrity, and moral honesty. And yet I would not claim that I have been free from error, the world, and the temptations of Satan.

Yet God affords great help: 'When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.' I feel that I am taking the chances, so to speak, of the unseen world. Yet I am glad that I live. I thank God for the gift of life, and for what he has promised to those who love him. It will be sixty years next May since I was converted; since which time I have endeavored to be a faithful Christian. I feel, however, that I have come short of measuring up to my ideal of a model Christian. My only hope rests in the fact that Jesus died for me. I expect to be made complete in him. As all rivers tend toward the ocean, so all my desires, purposes, and hopes reach out to gain the better life. I desire a heart of love and tenderness, filled with faith and the Holy Ghost."

No one who knew Wesley Webster will doubt the exact truthfulness of every word above quoted. He was one of the most ardent friends of the cause of missions and education, devoting thousands of dollars, nay more—the entire accumulations of his lifetime to these great causes. His death, which occurred at his home in South Charleston, Ohio, September 25, 1895, was peaceful and triumphant.

J. F. MARLAY.

ISAAC CLAY PAGE.

Isaac Clay Page lived in this world thirty-two years, eight months, and nine days. The son of John and Elizabeth Page, he was born near Catawba, Ohio, April 27, 1863, and at Mechanicsburg, Ohio, on January 5, 1896, he entered into everlasting rest. Brought up by Christian parents, while yet a lad he gave his heart to God, and united with the Church under the ministry of H. C. Weakley. Soon after his conversion came the undoubted call to preach the gospel; but feeling his unworthiness, it was put to one side, and Brother Page chose as his life-work the occupation of a telegrapher. But the call became so strong that at last he yielded, and, feeling the need of a better education, he entered the Theological School of Wittenberg College, at Springfield, Ohio, where he remained two years, and then, at the session of this Conference held at Jamestown, Ohio, in 1888, he was admitted on trial, and appointed to South Charleston Circuit, where he remained for two years; then three years at Mutual, one at Batavia, one at Christiansburg; after which four months of superannuation, and then came the transfer to the Church Triumphant.

He was married to Miss Addie Gordon, of Catawba, March 5, 1884, and to them were born three children. The youngest, Herschell, God took unto himself in September, 1894.

When Brother Page was sent to Batavia, he was in his usual good health, and bade fair of having a long and pleasant pastorate with that society; and as the days went by, the people indeed felt as if one was among them who loved God and God's Church and God's people. But in early spring came a very severe attack of la grippe. Then came the struggle for health and life that was prolonged for twenty months, only to result, when viewed on the earthward side, as defeat, but from the heavenward as victory and coronation.

Isaac Clay Page was an earnest, loving Christian. The impress of purity was on his face. His manners were

pleasing, his nature genial. He made friends wherever he went; he bound his friends to him. They loved him; they could not help but love him, for he was worthy of their love. He loved to preach, and the truths of Christ's gospel were spoken by him with no uncertain sound; for he possessed that nature that helped him, not to ask what was the smoother, but what would God have him do and speak; and then, from an earnest, loving heart, came the message. He was of that fiber that he could speak the needed word so earnestly, yet so tenderly, so lovingly, that the ones for whom the message was sent could not help but hear and heed.

With him there was an intense longing to live, not so much for himself as for the loved ones and the Church. For a long while he could not give up the thought that the Master had much work for him to do, and he was to be spared to do that work. He was young in years, and he must once more get strong, and again tell the story so wonderful of salvation by faith in the Great Savior; but as the body grew more and more frail, the truth dawned upon him that the earthly work was nearing completion, that the Heavenly Father had other and different plans for his child. There was a struggle, a long, severe struggle, that ended in victory;



ISAAC CLAY PAGE.

and with the triumph came the blessed peace which passeth all understanding; and, sending for the writer, his first words were, "I have passed the rapids and it's all right now—it's just right;" and as the end could not be far, he asked his classmate, Eugene S. Gaddis, to preach the sermon, and the writer to prepare and read the memoir at his funeral. This done, the uppermost thought was how to leave the dear wife and children, and this at last being settled, he waited but a few days—days of pain and suffering, yet of peace and hope. But at last came the end; and as a babe on its mother's breast goes to sleep, so he opened his eyes, gave one last look, and then closed them to be forever with the Lord.

W. J. BAKER.

REV. JAMES MURRAY.

Rev. James Murray was born in the town of Feathered, Ireland, August 25, 1837, and died at the parsonage in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, March 6, 1896. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, his father being a Scotchman and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Later in life he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and served as a class-leader for twenty-eight years.



REV. JAMES MURRAY.

When James was fourteen years of age, the family emigrated to America, and settled in Covington, Kentucky. Here a zealous young friend induced him to attend the Sunday-school of the Greenup Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and he soon began to attend the preaching services as well. He was a fine-looking lad, and, as he sat well to the front and listened with marked attention, the pastor, Rev. S. D. Clayton, observed him, went to him at the close of the service, spoke to him, and urged him with affectionate earnestness and tenderness to give his heart to God then and there. God's Spirit blessed the faithful message, and with beautiful

simplicity and obedient readiness he yielded himself to God, and in proof of the sincerity of his purpose, at once united with the Church. He was at this time sixteen years of age. He soon felt drawn to the work of the ministry, and a few years later entered the Ohio Wesleyan University. Here he was known for his scholarship and for the open, manly independence which distinguished him to the close of life. President Thomson exercised a profound influence in determining the character of his life and work in after years. He graduated in 1865, and the same year joined the Cincinnati Conference, in which he served the following charges: 1865, Centenary; 1866-68, Winton Place and Cumminsville; 1869-70, Mt. Washington; 1871-73, Lebanon; 1874-75, Christie (Cincinnati); 1876-78, Oxford; 1879-81, Grace (Urban); 1882-84, Hamilton; 1885-87, Eaton; 1888-92, Hillsboro; 1892-96, to the time of his death, Mechanicsburg. While pastor of the Winton Place Charge, he married Miss Mary Bennett, who, together with one son and one daughter, survives him.

Brother Murray commanded in a very marked degree the respect of every community in which he lived. His character was spotless, his conduct blameless, his reputation untarnished. He brought honor to the

cause which he represented and the Master whom he served. He kept himself "unspotted from the world." He was manly, dignified, independent, courageous. He had strong convictions, and was fearless in giving expression to them. He preached the great doctrines of our religion, and its practical duties also. He was a hard student, a patient thinker, and his soul caught fire as he gave his message. People who heard him preach felt the power of the truth, and went away to think and talk about what they had heard, and to lead better lives. His last illness was long and painful. He was exceedingly reluctant to give up his work, and preached many times when it seemed to all that a more than mortal power sustained him. When at last the frail body could no longer respond to the demands of the indomitable spirit, he calmly resigned himself to the lot assigned him, and, no longer able to do God's will, courageously and submissively entered upon his new experience—that of suffering God's will. The relations between pastor and people at Mechanicsburg were peculiarly happy. The congregation loved him, prayed for him, visited him, sent him cheering messages, paid him, did everything that a loyal, loving people could do to comfort him and his family in their great affliction. To this faithful congregation the dying pastor sent a farewell letter, which will long be remembered by those who heard and read it, and which showed with what faith and hope a godly man can die, and sounded the note of victory over death and the grave, to which the Christian alone can give utterance. To the end he was patient, submissive, confident in God, and at last calmly fell asleep in joyous hope of an awakening in the likeness of Him whom he had known and preached for so many years. The funeral service was held in the Mechanicsburg Church, Monday, March 9th, and was in charge of Rev. J. F. Mariay, D. D., presiding elder of the Springfield District. Representatives of the Faculty and the students of the Ohio Wesleyan University, twenty ministers of the Conference, and a large company of sorrowing friends and parishioners, were present. Addresses were made by Rev. William Runyan, D. D., Professor Richard Parsons, Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., and Rev. S. D. Clayton, and a biographical sketch was read by Professor Mulford, and then the body was laid away in the beautiful cemetery near the village. G. W. D.

REV. MIGHILL DUSTIN, D. D.

Mighill Dustin was born in Booneville, N. Y., August 18, 1810; removed with his parents at an early age to Washington County, Ohio, where he passed his youth on a farm. His desire for an education was in a measure satisfied by a course at a collegiate institute in Marietta, which later became Marietta College. A year was passed in Mississippi, where he taught school and took practical observations of the institution of African slavery. In February, 1833, he experienced conversion, and in 1836 entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. From the first he was successful.

Possessed of a good mind, a strong voice, a strong constitution, and a still stronger resolution to preach Christ to dying sinners, he entered upon his work with a singleness of purpose that never varied, wavered, or lost heart. He traveled the old time circuits on horseback, with his Bible and Hymn-book in his saddle bags, with the love of God in his heart, and perfect contentment in his mind. The hardships of those days were borne with perfect equanimity. Fortunately good health attended him; and once only in the course of a long and active ministry did he exhibit signs of breaking down. A brief rest and trip to the northern lakes restored him to the vigor which he had before enjoyed, and which he ever after maintained until the summer of 1895. From circuits he passed to stations; then to stations of larger importance; then to the eldership, and

and with the triumph came the blessed peace which passeth all understanding; and, sending for the writer, his first words were, "I have passed the rapids and it's all right now—it's just right;" and as the end could not be far, he asked his classmate, Eugene S. Gaddis, to preach the sermon, and the writer to prepare and read the memoir at his funeral. This done, the uppermost thought was how to leave the dear wife and children, and this at last being settled, he waited but a few days—days of pain and suffering, yet of peace and hope. But at last came the end; and as a babe on its mother's breast goes to sleep, so he opened his eyes, gave one last look, and then closed them to be forever with the Lord.

W. J. BAKER.

REV. JAMES MURRAY.

Rev. James Murray was born in the town of Feathered, Ireland, August 25, 1837, and died at the parsonage in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, March 6, 1896. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, his father being a Scotchman and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Later in life he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and served as a class-leader for twenty-eight years.



REV. JAMES MURRAY.

When James was fourteen years of age, the family emigrated to America, and settled in Covington, Kentucky. Here a zealous young friend induced him to attend the Sunday-school of the Greenup Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and he soon began to attend the preaching services as well. He was a fine-looking lad, and, as he sat well to the front and listened with marked attention, the pastor, Rev. S. D. Clayton, observed him, went to him at the close of the service, spoke to him, and urged him with affectionate earnestness and tenderness to give his heart to God then and there. God's Spirit blessed the faithful message, and with beautiful simplicity and obedient readiness he yielded himself to God, and in proof of the sincerity of his purpose, at once united with the Church. He was at this time sixteen years of age. He soon felt drawn to the work of the ministry, and a few years later entered the Ohio Wesleyan University. Here he was known for his scholarship and for the open, manly independence which distinguished him to the close of life. President Thomson exercised a profound influence in determining the character of his life and work in after years. He graduated in 1865, and the same year joined the Cincinnati Conference, in which he served the following charges: 1865, Centenary; 1866-68, Winton Place, and Cumminsville; 1869-70, Mt. Washington; 1871-73, Lebanon; 1874-75, Christie (Cincinnati); 1876-78, Oxford; 1879-81, Grace (Urban); 1882-84, Hamilton; 1885-87, Eaton; 1888-92, Hillsboro; 1892-96, to the time of his death, Mechanicsburg. While pastor of the Winton Place Charge, he married Miss Mary Bennett, who, together with one son and one daughter, survives him.

Brother Murray commanded in a very marked degree the respect of every community in which he lived. His character was spotless, his conduct blameless, his reputation untarnished. He brought honor to the

cause which he represented and the Master whom he served. He kept himself "unspotted from the world." He was manly, dignified, independent, courageous. He had strong convictions, and was fearless in giving expression to them. He preached the great doctrines of our religion, and its practical duties also. He was a hard student, a patient thinker, and his soul caught fire as he gave his message. People who heard him preach felt the power of the truth, and went away to think and talk about what they had heard, and to lead better lives. His last illness was long and painful. He was exceedingly reluctant to give up his work, and preached many times when it seemed to all that a more than mortal power sustained him. When at last the frail body could no longer respond to the demands of the indomitable spirit, he calmly resigned himself to the lot assigned him, and, no longer able to do God's will, courageously and submissively entered upon his new experience—that of suffering God's will. The relations between pastor and people at Mechanicsburg were peculiarly happy. The congregation loved him, prayed for him, visited him, sent him cheering messages, paid him, did everything that a loyal, loving people could do to comfort him and his family in their great affliction. To this faithful congregation the dying pastor sent a farewell letter, which will long be remembered by those who heard and read it, and which showed with what faith and hope a godly man can die, and sounded the note of victory over death and the grave, to which the Christian alone can give utterance. To the end he was patient, submissive, confident in God, and at last calmly fell asleep in joyous hope of an awakening in the likeness of Him whom he had known and preached for so many years. The funeral service was held in the Mechanicsburg Church, Monday, March 9th, and was in charge of Rev. J. F. Mariay, D. D., presiding elder of the Springfield District. Representatives of the Faculty and the students of the Ohio Wesleyan University, twenty ministers of the Conference, and a large company of sorrowing friends and parishioners, were present. Addresses were made by Rev. William Ranyan, D. D., Professor Richard Parsons, Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., and Rev. S. D. Clayton, and a biographical sketch was read by Professor Mulford, and then the body was laid away in the beautiful cemetery near the village. G. W. D.

REV. MIGHILL DUSTIN, D. D.

Mighill Dustin was born in Booneville, N. Y., August 18, 1810; removed with his parents at an early age to Washington County, Ohio, where he passed his youth on a farm. His desire for an education was in a measure satisfied by a course at a collegiate institute in Marietta, which later became Marietta College. A year was passed in Mississippi, where he taught school and took practical observations of the institution of African slavery. In February, 1833, he experienced conversion, and in 1836 entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. From the first he was successful.

Possessed of a good mind, a strong voice, a strong constitution, and a still stronger resolution to preach Christ to dying sinners, he entered upon his work with a singleness of purpose that never varied, wavered, or lost heart. He traveled the old time circuits on horseback, with his Bible and Hymn-book in his saddle bags, with the love of God in his heart, and perfect contentment in his mind. The hardships of those days were borne with perfect equanimity. Fortunately good health attended him; and once only in the course of a long and active ministry did he exhibit signs of breaking down. A brief rest and trip to the northern lakes restored him to the vigor which he had before enjoyed, and which he ever after maintained until the summer of 1865. From circuits he passed to stations; then to stations of larger importance; then to the elder-ship, and

with advancing years, by easy gradations, to work suitable to his age and powers.

He was not a man of exuberant nature. He did not boast of what he would be or do; nor did he complain. He was rarely even suspected of having the "blues," and such suspicions were not suggested by any words of his. He was neither buoyant nor despondent; neither boastful nor reproachful. But he was a man of settled purpose, deliberate in thought and speech, stern and unyielding in the course he laid down as right. He was never a man for compromises. A course was either right or wrong, and pursue the right as he understood it, he would and did to the bitter or the better end.

In the days of anti-slavery agitation he boldly joined the little band that fought for principle against policy. Ridicule did not embarrass him; abuse but more firmly fixed his resolution. He enlisted in the cause of human freedom for life or during the war, and lived to see his fondest hopes realized; his opponents became his confreres, and his traducers,



REV. MIGHILL DUSTIN, D. D.

eulogists. He would never have succeeded as a time-serving politician. He was by nature an agitator, and an intense admirer of Phillips and Garrison, and Wilson and Lovejoy, and all that band of conscientious and courageous anti-slavery advocates, all of whom suffered, and some of whom died in the cause to which they gave their best efforts of mind and body.

He was an incorporator of Wilberforce University, and one of its most sincere friends during life. The Bill of Rights in its broadest sense was his political creed. The brotherhood of man and equality before the law were his cardinal principles. The proclamation of emancipation he regarded as one of the great and blessed facts of history. In this connection an incident is worth mentioning. The session of the Cincinnati Conference held in September, 1862, in Cincinnati, was during the famous Kirby Smith raid, when Cincinnati

was threatened and the so-called "Squirrel Hunters" poured into the city by thousands. The city itself was under martial law, and commanded by General Lew Wallace, since famous as an author. Excitement was intense. It was an exigency in the life of the Nation.

As an act of war policy as well as an act of justice, President Lincoln had been implored to issue a Proclamation of Emancipation. Appeals were pouring in from all over the land. Mighill Dustin thought the Cincinnati Conference, representing a large and patriotic body, should add its influence to the general appeal, and advocated a resolution to that effect. Professor L. D. McCabe eloquently sustained him. Through the influence of the presiding officer, the resolution failed. But in the argument in its behalf, Brother Dustin predicted that before the members of the Conference should reach their homes the Proclamation would indeed be issued. The prophecy came true, for, on the 22d of September, 1862, the immortal document was signed, to take effect on the 1st of January following.

In his semi-centennial sermon, speaking of the old anti-slavery fight, Dr. Dustin said: "Fifty years ago, when I entered the traveling connection, the fight was on, and waxing hotter and hotter. On the side of the slave power were the two great political parties, the press, the Govern-

ment, both State and National, the Churches, and the general public sentiment. On the other side were truth and righteousness, God and conscience. Looking at the opposing forces from a human standpoint, worldly men and Christians, who were weak in faith and cowardly in spirit, thought the slave power would continue to be in the ascendant. But not so; for in less than thirty years the right triumphed, and the slave power was crushed."

With the same deep conviction of the righteousness of his cause, and with the same persistence, he took up the banner of Prohibition, under which he fought until death took him.

In the proceedings of Conference, Dr. Dustin always took an active part. In debate he was distinct in enunciation, concise in statement, earnest in delivery. His public utterances were usually carefully prepared. In preaching, he began with great deliberation, warming to his subject as he proceeded, and usually closed with an intense and impressive appeal.

His ministry was rewarded with great success, and thousands were awakened by his preaching, and upon professing conversion were brought into the Church through his instrumentality. He never sought Church honors, but was elected by his brethren to represent them in the General Conferences of 1856 and 1864. By the General Conference of 1864 he was commissioned to bear fraternal greetings to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, by which body he was received with distinguished consideration. Moores Hill College, Indiana, conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1886 he preached his semi-centennial sermon before the Cincinnati Conference, in session at Piqua.

For the past five years his work has been nominal, though he bore an active relation to the Conference. His voice being almost silenced, he occupied his pen in contributions to the religious press, chiefly the Western Christian Advocate. In these his reminiscences and practical suggestions to young preachers were considered pertinent and valuable.

He was the father of Ministerial Associations as at present organized by districts, and was an active spirit in their deliberations, for which he was thoroughly prepared.

Dr. Dustin's domestic life was most fortunate and happy. His first wife was Miss Mary B. Dana, of one of the pioneer families of Marietta, by whom he had five children. Of the three children who lived to maturity, Mary, the eldest, was a devoted Christian woman, ever engaged in good works, and was especially useful through her gifted pen, in poetic and prose contributions to the press. For a year or two she was employed in the editorial department of the Western Christian Advocate. She married Dr. B. F. Ludlum, and died in Marion, Indiana, in 1893. Samuel H. was a successful business man of Cincinnati, who died in 1894; a devoted son and a noble man. Charles, the only survivor, a resident of Dayton, was dearly beloved by his father. The wife and mother died in 1862. She was a woman of fine mind, rare conversational powers, and of great assistance to her husband in his pastoral work.

In 1869 Dr. Dustin married Miss M. J. Warren, then preceptress of the Xenia Female College, a woman of culture and refinement, whose gentle manners, domestic habits, and perfect devotion to her husband have been a blessing to him and his family for over twenty-six years.

During his last illness Dr. Dustin did not speak much of his religious experiences. He would at times say: "It is all right. I have finished the work He gave me to do. Next Sunday I may be in heaven." In a note addressed to his pastor, and written with his own hand shortly before his death, he said: "On February 23, 1833, I was regenerated with the grace and power of God. I saw the Lord Jesus Christ, probably with an 'interior spiritual eye,' as plainly as Saul of Tarsus saw him on his way to Damascus. His recognition of me as a pardoned and renewed child of God was distinctively personal. He impressed me as no human power could, that

with advancing years, by easy gradations, to work suitable to his age and powers.

He was not a man of exuberant nature. He did not boast of what he would be or do; nor did he complain. He was rarely even suspected of having the "blues," and such suspicions were not suggested by any words of his. He was neither buoyant nor despondent; neither boastful nor reproachful. But he was a man of settled purpose, deliberate in thought and speech, stern and unyielding in the course he laid down as right. He was never a man for compromises. A course was either right or wrong, and pursue the right as he understood it, he would and did to the bitter or the better end.

In the days of anti-slavery agitation he boldly joined the little band that fought for principle against policy. Ridicule did not embarrass him; abuse but more firmly fixed his resolution. He enlisted in the cause of human freedom for life or during the war, and lived to see his fondest hopes realized; his opponents became his confederates, and his traducers,



REV. MIGHILL DUSTIN, D. D.

eulogists. He would never have succeeded as a time-serving politician. He was by nature an agitator, and an intense admirer of Phillips and Garrison, and Wilson and Lovejoy, and all that band of conscientious and courageous anti-slavery advocates, all of whom suffered, and some of whom died in the cause to which they gave their best efforts of mind and body.

He was an incorporator of Wilberforce University, and one of its most sincere friends during life. The Bill of Rights in its broadest sense was his political creed. The brotherhood of man and equality before the law were his cardinal principles. The proclamation of emancipation he regarded as one of the great and blessed facts of history. In this connection an incident is worth mentioning. The session of the Cincinnati Conference held in September, 1862, in Cincinnati, was during the famous Kirby Smith raid, when Cincinnati

was threatened and the so-called "Squirrel Hunters" poured into the city by thousands. The city itself was under martial law, and commanded by General Lew Wallace, since famous as an author. Excitement was intense. It was an exigency in the life of the Nation.

As an act of war policy as well as an act of justice, President Lincoln had been implored to issue a Proclamation of Emancipation. Appeals were pouring in from all over the land. Mighill Dustin thought the Cincinnati Conference, representing a large and patriotic body, should add its influence to the general appeal, and advocated a resolution to that effect. Professor L. D. McCabe eloquently sustained him. Through the influence of the presiding officer, the resolution failed. But in the argument in its behalf, Brother Dustin predicted that before the members of the Conference should reach their homes the Proclamation would indeed be issued. The prophecy came true, for, on the 22d of September, 1862, the immortal document was signed, to take effect on the 1st of January following.

In his semi-centennial sermon, speaking of the old anti-slavery fight, Dr. Dustin said: "Fifty years ago, when I entered the traveling connection, the fight was on, and waxing hotter and hotter. On the side of the slave power were the two great political parties, the press, the Govern-

ment, both State and National, the Churches, and the general public sentiment. On the other side were truth and righteousness, God and conscience. Looking at the opposing forces from a human standpoint, worldly men and Christians, who were weak in faith and cowardly in spirit, thought the slave power would continue to be in the ascendant. But not so; for in less than thirty years the right triumphed, and the slave power was crushed."

With the same deep conviction of the righteousness of his cause, and with the same persistence, he took up the banner of Prohibition, under which he fought until death took him.

In the proceedings of Conference, Dr. Dustin always took an active part. In debate he was distinct in enunciation, concise in statement, earnest in delivery. His public utterances were usually carefully prepared. In preaching, he began with great deliberation, warming to his subject as he proceeded, and usually closed with an intense and impressive appeal.

His ministry was rewarded with great success, and thousands were awakened by his preaching, and upon professing conversion were brought into the Church through his instrumentality. He never sought Church honors, but was elected by his brethren to represent them in the General Conferences of 1856 and 1864. By the General Conference of 1864 he was commissioned to bear fraternal greetings to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, by which body he was received with distinguished consideration. Moores Hill College, Indiana, conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1886 he preached his semi-centennial sermon before the Cincinnati Conference, in session at Piqua.

For the past five years his work has been nominal, though he bore an active relation to the Conference. His voice being almost silenced, he occupied his pen in contributions to the religious press, chiefly the Western Christian Advocate. In these his reminiscences and practical suggestions to young preachers were considered pertinent and valuable.

He was the father of Ministerial Associations as at present organized by districts, and was an active spirit in their deliberations, for which he was thoroughly prepared.

Dr. Dustin's domestic life was most fortunate and happy. His first wife was Miss Mary B. Dana, of one of the pioneer families of Marietta, by whom he had five children. Of the three children who lived to maturity, Mary, the eldest, was a devoted Christian woman, ever engaged in good works, and was especially useful through her gifted pen, in poetic and prose contributions to the press. For a year or two she was employed in the editorial department of the Western Christian Advocate. She married Dr. B. F. Ludlum, and died in Marion, Indiana, in 1893. Samuel H. was a successful business man of Cincinnati, who died in 1894; a devoted son and a noble man. Charles, the only survivor, a resident of Dayton, was dearly beloved by his father. The wife and mother died in 1862. She was a woman of fine mind, rare conversational powers, and of great assistance to her husband in his pastoral work.

In 1869 Dr. Dustin married Miss M. J. Warren, then preceptress of the Xenia Female College, a woman of culture and refinement, whose gentle manners, domestic habits, and perfect devotion to her husband have been a blessing to him and his family for over twenty-six years.

During his last illness Dr. Dustin did not speak much of his religious experiences. He would at times say: "It is all right. I have finished the work He gave me to do. Next Sunday I may be in heaven." In a note addressed to his pastor, and written with his own hand shortly before his death, he said: "On February 23, 1833, I was regenerated with the grace and power of God. I saw the Lord Jesus Christ, probably with an 'interior spiritual eye,' as plainly as Saul of Tarsus saw him on his way to Damascus. His recognition of me as a pardoned and renewed child of God was distinctively personal. He impressed me as no human power could, that

my sins were forgiven, and that I was adopted in his family. That impression remains to this day."

His last illness was long and painful, but he did not complain. Tuesday morning, March 10th, his faithful spirit took its flight, and the soul of Mighill Dustin is now rejoicing in the beatitudes of heaven. C. W. D.

REV. SIMON McCHESNEY, D. D.

On Saturday evening, June 20, 1896, while the sun was sinking in the West, the redeemed spirit of our brother, Simon McChesney, ascended to be "forever with the Lord." In a moment, "in the twinkling of an eye," a crushing weight of sorrow fell upon the hearts of those that loved him best, and in the same instant there came to him the "far more exceeding weight of glory." What a contrast! The twilight of that home sank suddenly to the midnight of sorrow; but to him the transition was to the efful-



REV. SIMON McCHESNEY, D. D.

gence of heavenly glory. The sadness of the stricken household soon spread to many other homes where the welcome face and comforting words of the now departed pastor had so often given cheer. When the sad information had passed from lip to lip, and the wires had conveyed the message to many cities, the household of sincere mourners was increased to hundreds; for in the death of Simon McChesney, not only had one lost a devoted husband, and others a loving father and brother, but literally hundreds in this Conference and in other Conferences felt that a beloved brother in the ministry and a faithful pastor had been lost. Whatever may be the age one has reached, it will not take long to tell what he has done. But if he be truly noble, as was the subject of this memoir, words can never adequately express what he was; for not years, but character, makes life.

Simon McChesney was born near Troy, New York, August 7, 1838. His conversion when seventeen years of age led him to accept the plans that God had formed for him. He immediately began to lay deep and broad foundations for an education for the ministry. Everything in the realms of literature, philosophy, science, and especially theology, that would equip him more fully for his work, he eagerly seized and retained. It is no wonder that two men, one eminent in our Church and the other in the political world, respectively, should say of him, "It is my sober judgment that he was among the few truly great preachers of our Church and of the period;" and, "Dr. McChesney was one of the most intellectual men I have ever known." After his conversion, he soon began to preach, serving first under the direction of his presiding elder. When twenty years of age he was admitted to the Troy Conference. His power as an evangelist and expositor of the Word soon attracted attention, and led to his advancement in appointments. The following were the appointments of Dr. McChesney in their order: Troy Conference—1859, North Granville; 1860, '61, Hyndsville; 1862, '63, Broadway, Albany; 1864, '65, Keessville; 1866, '67, Saratoga Springs; 1868-'70, Ashgrove, Albany. Rock River Conference—1871, Wabash Avenue, Chicago; 1872-'74, Trinity Church, Chicago. Minnesota

Conference—1875, '76, Centenary, Minneapolis. Rock River Conference—1877-'79, Park Avenue Church, Chicago. Iowa Conference—1880-'82, First Church, Burlington; 1883, supernumerary. Kansas Conference—1884, '85, First Church, Topeka. Ohio Conference—1886-'88, Broad Street Church, Columbus. New York East Conference—1889, '90, Trinity Church, New Haven, Conn. Cincinnati Conference—1891-'96, Walnut Hills Church, Cincinnati. What these appointments meant to him—what they cost him of sacrifice, toil, anxiety, tears, and prayers—none but his brethren can imagine, and his Master alone knows. He is not sorry now. He laid down his life for the people, and God has given it to him again.

During his last sickness, to all, including the writer, who called upon him, he bore testimony to the sustaining grace of God, and reverently responded to their prayers in his behalf. As he showed his people how to live, he also showed them how to die. There was no fear, no anxiety. He calmly awaited the summons, and when it came he was ready. One day, as the end of his life was approaching, his sister, Miss Martha McChesney, who was attending him, thought he called her, and she hastened to his side: but he said, "No; I am talking to my Heavenly Father." His Father heard him pray, and on the evening already named, sent the tender messenger to conduct his redeemed spirit to the heavenly mansion that had been prepared for him.

The story of his life is brief: he lived, he suffered, he died. What he accomplished of good is recorded in heaven, and can not be seen by mortal eyes. The Divine eyes saw it, and God hath rewarded him. But the record that he himself made, that living epistle that he wrote, is open to our inspection. Let us read a part of it. It tells of diligence in his study to show himself "approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." For not only did his preaching reveal a strong intellectual grasp, but, what is more essential, a deep spiritual insight into the Word, that can come alone through intimate relations with that blessed Spirit who takes of the things of Jesus and reveals them unto us. It was this that made his intellectual sermons sparkle with spiritual light. It tells of sincere sympathy. We are reading the record of a man who could not brook shams and sentimentality. A truly manly heart "rejoices with them that do rejoice, and weeps with them that weep." To have come in contact with the subject of this memoir, to have felt his hand, to have caught the sparkle of his eye, to have heard his earnest words upon occasions calling for expression of human sympathy, was to feel that from him came a sympathy that was sanctified by sincerity. The record shows that this thoughtful man had convictions rather than opinions upon the great questions of Church and State. Nor did he lack in courage to express, defend, and advocate them. There was a sturdiness in his manhood that commanded the admiration of all students of human character that knew him. His life is a record of faithfulness—not a selfish faithfulness; not a devotion to personal interests; but a faithfulness to a lofty ideal, a God-given purpose. How he preached; how he exhorted; how he rebuked; how he strove to help; how he endeavored to comfort! Not once, nor twice; not here alone, but throughout a ministry of thirty-eight years, in the enthusiasm of youth, in the vigor of manhood, in the feebleness of waning health, in faithfulness, he gave evidence that he possessed the spirit of Him "who went about doing good." The Church at Walnut Hills has expressed, in many deeds of love, its high appreciation of the sterling qualities of its pastor. The brotherhood of ministers in this Conference heartily unite with the family of their brother in expressing their appreciation of such thoughtful ministrations.

In 1860, while pastor of the Broadway Church in Albany, New York, Rev. Simon McChesney was married to Miss Sarina Jones, who was eminently fitted to be the helpmeet of a Methodist preacher by the amiable, gentle, and sympathetic spirit with which God endowed her. There were born to them two sons and two daughters, who, with their widowed

my sins were forgiven, and that I was adopted in his family. That impression remains to this day."

His last illness was long and painful, but he did not complain. Tuesday morning, March 10th, his faithful spirit took its flight, and the soul of Mighill Dustin is now rejoicing in the beatitudes of heaven. C. W. D.

REV. SIMON McCHESNEY, D. D.

On Saturday evening, June 20, 1896, while the sun was sinking in the West, the redeemed spirit of our brother, Simon McChesney, ascended to be "forever with the Lord." In a moment, "in the twinkling of an eye," a crushing weight of sorrow fell upon the hearts of those that loved him best, and in the same instant there came to him the "far more exceeding weight of glory." What a contrast! The twilight of that home sank suddenly to the midnight of sorrow; but to him the transition was to the efful-



REV. SIMON McCHESNEY, D. D.

gence of heavenly glory. The sadness of the stricken household soon spread to many other homes where the welcome face and comforting words of the now departed pastor had so often given cheer. When the sad information had passed from lip to lip, and the wires had conveyed the message to many cities, the household of sincere mourners was increased to hundreds; for in the death of Simon McChesney, not only had one lost a devoted husband, and others a loving father and brother, but literally hundreds in this Conference and in other Conferences felt that a beloved brother in the ministry and a faithful pastor had been lost. Whatever may be the age one has reached, it will not take long to tell what he has done. But if he be truly noble, as was the subject of this memoir, words can never adequately express what he was; for not years, but character, makes life.

Simon McChesney was born near Troy, New York, August 7, 1838. His conversion when seventeen years of age led him to accept the plans that God had formed for him. He immediately began to lay deep and broad foundations for an education for the ministry. Everything in the realm of literature, philosophy, science, and especially theology, that would equip him more fully for his work, he eagerly seized and retained. It is no wonder that two men, one eminent in our Church and the other in the political world, respectively, should say of him, "It is my sober judgment that he was among the few truly great preachers of our Church and of the period;" and, "Dr. McChesney was one of the most intellectual men I have ever known." After his conversion, he soon began to preach, serving first under the direction of his presiding elder. When twenty years of age he was admitted to the Troy Conference. His power as an evangelist and expositor of the Word soon attracted attention, and led to his advancement in appointments. The following were the appointments of Dr. McChesney in their order: Troy Conference—1859, North Granville; 1860, '61, Hyndsville; 1862, '63, Broadway, Albany; 1864, '65, Keesville; 1866, '67, Saratoga Springs; 1868-'70, Ashgrove, Albany. Rock River Conference—1871, Wabash Avenue, Chicago; 1872-'74, Trinity Church, Chicago. Minnesota

Conference—1875, '76, Centenary, Minneapolis. Rock River Conference—1877-'79, Park Avenue Church, Chicago. Iowa Conference—1880-'82, First Church, Burlington; 1883, supernumerary. Kansas Conference—1884, '85, First Church, Topeka. Ohio Conference—1886-'88, Broad Street Church, Columbus. New York East Conference—1889, '90, Trinity Church, New Haven, Conn. Cincinnati Conference—1891-'96, Walnut Hills Church, Cincinnati. What these appointments meant to him—what they cost him of sacrifice, toil, anxiety, tears, and prayers—none but his brethren can imagine, and his Master alone knows. He is not sorry now. He laid down his life for the people, and God has given it to him again.

During his last sickness, to all, including the writer, who called upon him, he bore testimony to the sustaining grace of God, and reverently responded to their prayers in his behalf. As he showed his people how to live, he also showed them how to die. There was no fear, no anxiety. He calmly awaited the summons, and when it came he was ready. One day, as the end of his life was approaching, his sister, Miss Martha McChesney, who was attending him, thought he called her, and she hastened to his side; but he said, "No; I am talking to my Heavenly Father." His Father heard him pray, and on the evening already named, sent the tender messenger to conduct his redeemed spirit to the heavenly mansion that had been prepared for him.

The story of his life is brief: he lived, he suffered, he died. What he accomplished of good is recorded in heaven, and can not be seen by mortal eyes. The Divine eyes saw it, and God hath rewarded him. But the record that he himself made, that living epistle that he wrote, is open to our inspection. Let us read a part of it. It tells of diligence in his study to show himself "approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." For not only did his preaching reveal a strong intellectual grasp, but, what is more essential, a deep spiritual insight into the Word, that can come alone through intimate relations with that blessed Spirit who takes of the things of Jesus and reveals them unto us. It was this that made his intellectual sermons sparkle with spiritual light. It tells of sincere sympathy. We are reading the record of a man who could not brook shams and sentimentality. A truly manly heart "rejoices with them that do rejoice, and weeps with them that weep." To have come in contact with the subject of this memoir, to have felt his hand, to have caught the sparkle of his eye, to have heard his earnest words upon occasions calling for expression of human sympathy, was to feel that from him came a sympathy that was sanctified by sincerity. The record shows that this thoughtful man had convictions rather than opinions upon the great questions of Church and State. Nor did he lack in courage to express, defend, and advocate them. There was a sturdiness in his manhood that commanded the admiration of all students of human character that knew him. His life is a record of faithfulness—not a selfish faithfulness; not a devotion to personal interests; but a faithfulness to a lofty ideal, a God-given purpose. How he preached; how he exhorted; how he rebuked; how he strove to help; how he endeavored to comfort! Not once, nor twice; not here alone, but throughout a ministry of thirty-eight years, in the enthusiasm of youth, in the vigor of manhood, in the feebleness of waning health, in faithfulness, he gave evidence that he possessed the spirit of Him "who went about doing good." The Church at Walnut Hills has expressed, in many deeds of love, its high appreciation of the sterling qualities of its pastor. The brotherhood of ministers in this Conference heartily unite with the family of their brother in expressing their appreciation of such thoughtful ministrations.

In 1860, while pastor of the Broadway Church in Albany, New York, Rev. Simon McChesney was married to Miss Sarina Jones, who was eminently fitted to be the helpmeet of a Methodist preacher by the amiable, gentle, and sympathetic spirit with which God endowed her. There were born to them two sons and two daughters, who, with their widowed

mother, have taken up their residence in Walnut Hills. Doctor McChesney left two sisters—Miss Martha, of Fort Edward, New York, and Mrs. Rev. B. W. Gates, of Rutland, Vermont; and one brother—Rev. Ensign McChesney, D. D., of the New York Conference, and now stationed at White Plains, New York.

The funeral service was held in the Walnut Hills Church, on Tuesday morning, June 23d, at ten o'clock, and was conducted by the Rev. R. H. Rust, D. D., presiding elder of the Cincinnati District. Bishops Earl Cranston and W. X. Ninde, Presiding Elder R. H. Rust, and the Hon. J. B. Foraker made addresses, in which they paid fitting honors to the dead pastor. Bishops J. M. Walden and J. C. Hartzell also bore parts in the service. Large numbers of those whom he served as pastor, and of his brethren in the ministry, were present to pay a last tribute of love. Having expressed a wish to be laid to rest within the bounds of the Conference in which he might die, devout men of his last charge and of the ministry bore his body to its burial in Spring Grove Cemetery.

J. M. MEEKER.

REV. WILLIAM L. HYPES, D. D.

William L. Hypes was born in Xenia, Ohio, July 14, 1828. His father, Henry Hypes, a native of Virginia, settled in that town in 1811, and was, for more than fifty years, a leading member of the Church, holding various important official positions. He was, for a full half-century, a class-leader, and was a trustee of the first Methodist Church erected in Xenia. He was the father of twelve children, one of whom—Benjamin—was an influential lay delegate to the General Conference of 1872. He was, also, one of the founders and trustees of McKendree College. Among the grandchildren of Henry Hypes, one of the most widely and favorably known is Rev. Charles W. Drees, D. D., the successful superintendent of our missions in South America.

William L. Hypes, then, was well-born and well-raised, the worthy son of a noble father. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, and in a private classical school taught by Professor Lewis Wright.

During a great revival in Xenia in the winter of 1840-41, under the ministry of that flaming evangelist, Rev. Joseph J. Hill, he was soundly and consciously converted. After leaving Professor Wright's school, he took up the study of law, having determined to make the legal profession the business of his life. But God had other purposes concerning him, and the conviction that he was called to the ministry became so clear and strong that he abandoned the law, and at once entered upon a course of study for the ministry under that distinguished scholar and teacher, the late Rev. Dr. Samuel Wilson, of the United Presbyterian Church. He was recommended for admission into the Ohio Conference in 1849, being then twenty-one years of age. He was admitted to the traveling connection, with a large class, and thenceforth to the end of his life was a man of one work. His pastoral charges were, successively, Lewisburg, Eaton, Franklin, Concord, Fairfield, South Charleston, Union, Felicity; Park Street, Cincinnati; Oxford; Grace Church, Urbana; Wesley Chapel, Dayton; First Church, Xenia; Walnut Hills, Cincinnati; High Street, Springfield; Grace Church, Dayton; Avondale, and Lebanon. Besides these pastoral charges, he was twice presiding elder—on the East Cincinnati District, 1875-78; and the West Cincinnati District, 1882-85. In 1892, on account of his rapidly-declining health, he reluctantly took the supernumerary relation, and settled in Dayton. As long as he was able to travel and preach, he gladly responded to the calls of his brethren for ministerial help, and his preaching was never more in demonstration of the Spirit than when, in physical feebleness extreme, he held forth the Word of Life in these last years of his ministry. How many must have been reminded

by his saintly appearance and gentle manner, on these occasions, of St. John, of whom it is said that when he was a very old man, so old that he could not walk, and could hardly speak, he used to be carried in the arms of his friends into the midst of the assembly of Christians, and then he would lift himself up, and say, "Little children, love one another!"

An examination of the above itinerary will show a remarkable evolution from the humblest and hardest fields of labor to the leading pulpits of the Conference. The eminence which our brother reached in the ministry was not the result of adventitious causes or favoritisms or self-seeking, but the recognition, rather, of his peculiar fitness for leadership, of his ever-growing ability as a preacher and pastor, and of his pre-eminence among his brethren as a wise and safe counselor.

He was, in the best sense of a much-abused term, a self-made man. He was a close and constant student, not merely of systematic theology and current literature, but especially of the Scriptures, in the original languages in which they were written. As a Hebrew scholar he had indeed few equals. His library was not remarkable so much for its size as for its quality, and there, in communion with the greatest works of the greatest minds, he was daily found until his health failed. The degree of Doctor of Divinity, conferred upon him by McKendree College, Illinois, was never more worthily bestowed.

He served with distinction as a member of the General Conference of 1880, and was also a member of the Ecumenical Conference held in Baltimore in 1891. For many years he was an active, influential member of the Board of Managers of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Dr. Hypes believed in the necessity and possibility of a thorough and conscious salvation, an old-time pentecostal conversion. It was his living, unquestioning faith in God that enabled him and inspired him to speak with power and authority. He felt himself to be



REV. WILLIAM L. HYPES, D. D.

Christ's man, body and soul, powers and possessions, and throughout his ministry was evidently determined to know nothing among men but Christ, and him crucified. Patience, kindness, generosity, humility, courtesy, unselfishness, good temper, guilelessness, sincerity, were conspicuous traits in the beautiful and symmetrical character of our dear friend and brother. His enjoyments in religion were uniform and tranquil, rather than rapturous and occasional. Such were his habits of watchfulness and circumspection, such his rare balance of mind, and his complete self-control, that he was less accessible than most Christians to the influence of temptation. He bore his long continued and often extreme sufferings with an equanimity and patience almost unparalleled.

While in his religious beliefs Dr. Hypes was unwavering and immovable, he was liberal and tolerant and charitable, a firm believer in the "communion of saints," by whatever name the saints may be called, under whatever forms they worship. His religious opinions were the result of long and careful study; but the circumstance which most of all settled him so firmly in the belief of the doctrines he preached was, that the truth of these doctrines was a matter of personal experience as well as Divine revelation.

He might, without exaggeration, be called a model pastor. His strik-

mother, have taken up their residence in Walnut Hills. Doctor McChesney left two sisters—Miss Martha, of Fort Edward, New York, and Mrs. Rev. B. W. Gates, of Rutland, Vermont; and one brother—Rev. Ensign McChesney, D. D., of the New York Conference, and now stationed at White Plains, New York.

The funeral service was held in the Walnut Hills Church, on Tuesday morning, June 23d, at ten o'clock, and was conducted by the Rev. R. H. Rust, D. D., presiding elder of the Cincinnati District. Bishops Earl Cranston and W. N. Ninde, Presiding Elder R. H. Rust, and the Hon. J. B. Foraker made addresses, in which they paid fitting honors to the dead pastor. Bishops J. M. Walden and J. C. Hartzell also bore parts in the service. Large numbers of those whom he served as pastor, and of his brethren in the ministry, were present to pay a last tribute of love. Having expressed a wish to be laid to rest within the bounds of the Conference in which he might die, devout men of his last charge and of the ministry bore his body to its burial in Spring Grove Cemetery.

J. M. MEEKER.

REV. WILLIAM L. HYPES, D. D.

William L. Hypes was born in Xenia, Ohio, July 14, 1828. His father, Henry Hypes, a native of Virginia, settled in that town in 1811, and was, for more than fifty years, a leading member of the Church, holding various important official positions. He was, for a full half-century, a class-leader, and was a trustee of the first Methodist Church erected in Xenia. He was the father of twelve children, one of whom—Benjamin—was an influential lay delegate to the General Conference of 1872. He was, also, one of the founders and trustees of McKendree College. Among the grandchildren of Henry Hypes, one of the most widely and favorably known is Rev. Charles W. Drees, D. D., the successful superintendent of our missions in South America.

William L. Hypes, then, was well-born and well-raised, the worthy son of a noble father. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, and in a private classical school taught by Professor Lewis Wright.

During a great revival in Xenia in the winter of 1840-41, under the ministry of that flaming evangelist, Rev. Joseph J. Hill, he was soundly and consciously converted. After leaving Professor Wright's school, he took up the study of law, having determined to make the legal profession the business of his life. But God had other purposes concerning him, and the conviction that he was called to the ministry became so clear and strong that he abandoned the law, and at once entered upon a course of study for the ministry under that distinguished scholar and teacher, the late Rev. Dr. Samuel Wilson, of the United Presbyterian Church. He was recommended for admission into the Ohio Conference in 1849, being then twenty-one years of age. He was admitted to the traveling connection, with a large class, and thenceforth to the end of his life was a man of one work. His pastoral charges were, successively, Lewisburg, Eaton, Franklin, Concord, Fairfield, South Charleston, Union, Felicity; Park Street, Cincinnati; Oxford; Grace Church, Urbana; Wesley Chapel, Dayton; First Church, Xenia; Walnut Hills, Cincinnati; High Street, Springfield; Grace Church, Dayton; Avondale, and Lebanon. Besides these pastoral charges, he was twice presiding elder—on the East Cincinnati District, 1875-78; and the West Cincinnati District, 1882-85. In 1892, on account of his rapidly-declining health, he reluctantly took the super-numerary relation, and settled in Dayton. As long as he was able to travel and preach, he gladly responded to the calls of his brethren for ministerial help, and his preaching was never more in demonstration of the Spirit than when, in physical feebleness extreme, he held forth the Word of Life in these last years of his ministry. How many must have been reminded

by his saintly appearance and gentle manner, on these occasions, of St. John, of whom it is said that when he was a very old man, so old that he could not walk, and could hardly speak, he used to be carried in the arms of his friends into the midst of the assembly of Christians, and then he would lift himself up, and say, "Little children, love one another!"

An examination of the above itinerary will show a remarkable evolution from the humblest and hardest fields of labor to the leading pulpits of the Conference. The eminence which our brother reached in the ministry was not the result of adventitious causes or favoritisms or self-seeking, but the recognition, rather, of his peculiar fitness for leadership, of his ever-growing ability as a preacher and pastor, and of his pre-eminence among his brethren as a wise and safe counselor.

He was, in the best sense of a much-abused term, a self-made man. He was a close and constant student, not merely of systematic theology and current literature, but especially of the Scriptures, in the original languages in which they were written. As a Hebrew scholar he had indeed few equals. His library was not remarkable so much for its size as for its quality, and there, in communion with the greatest works of the greatest minds, he was daily found until his health failed. The degree of Doctor of Divinity, conferred upon him by McKendree College, Illinois, was never more worthily bestowed.

He served with distinction as a member of the General Conference of 1880, and was also a member of the Ecumenical Conference held in Baltimore in 1891. For many years he was an active, influential member of the Board of Managers of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Dr. Hypes believed in the necessity and possibility of a thorough and conscious salvation, an old-time pentecostal conversion. It was his living, unquestioning faith in God that enabled him and inspired him to speak with power and authority. He felt himself to be



REV. WILLIAM L. HYPES, D. D.

Christ's man, body and soul, powers and possessions, and throughout his ministry was evidently determined to know nothing among men but Christ, and him crucified. Patience, kindness, generosity, humility, courtesy, unselfishness, good temper, guilelessness, sincerity, were conspicuous traits in the beautiful and symmetrical character of our dear friend and brother. His enjoyments in religion were uniform and tranquil, rather than rapturous and occasional. Such were his habits of watchfulness and circumspection, such his rare balance of mind, and his complete self-control, that he was less accessible than most Christians to the influence of temptation. He bore his long continued and often extreme sufferings with an equanimity and patience almost unparalleled.

While in his religious beliefs Dr. Hypes was unwavering and immovable, he was liberal and tolerant and charitable, a firm believer in the "communion of saints," by whatever name the saints may be called, under whatever forms they worship. His religious opinions were the result of long and careful study; but the circumstance which most of all settled him so firmly in the belief of the doctrines he preached was, that the truth of these doctrines was a matter of personal experience as well as Divine revelation.

He might, without exaggeration, be called a model pastor. His strik-

ing and noble physique, his benignant countenance, his uniform courtesy, and kindness, and his affable and winning manners, made him a most welcome visitor among all classes. The rich and the poor were equally the objects of his care, and shared alike in his ministrations. But especially in homes of sorrow, where stricken ones were bowed down under great burdens, and bleeding hearts were feeling the bitterness of a sore bereavement, he was always found, administering the consolations of the gospel in that sweet, persuasive way which made his presence a benediction to so many of God's dear, suffering children.

Dr. Hypes served the Church for eight years in the difficult and responsible work of the presiding eldership with marked success. In this office he showed great executive ability, and united the "suaviter in modo" with the "fortiter in re" as few men have done in that position. Some incidents are related of his firmness at times, showing that he had in him the stuff of which ecclesiastical martyrs are made. Bishop William X. Ninde writes of him, under date of June 30th: "I have never met a man of more beautiful and symmetrical character. . . . Noble and saintly man! Would it were my privilege to greet him once more ere he passes upward to the heavenly places! But wherever he may be, our hearts are bound together by immortal ties. In the years of my active life it has been my privilege to know, somewhat intimately, many great and holy men, whose friendship I greatly valued; but in the inmost sanctuary of the heart there are a few names I cherish with the deepest reverence and the most sacred love. Among these cherished few is the name of him who is to-day lingering amid the brightening shadows of the 'borderland.'"

Dr. Hypes was twice married. First, in 1848, to Miss Ann Lawrence, a teacher in Professor Wright's school, in Xenia. She lived less than a year from the time of their marriage. In 1853 the Doctor was married a second time, to Miss Margaret Brown, of Warren County, Ohio, who, for forty-four years, made his earthly home a bright and happy one, sharing in the trials and triumphs of his itinerant life, and who survives to mourn her exceptionally great loss. To them three children were born, one of whom died in infancy. The others are Rev. Benjamin D. Hypes, an honored and successful member of the Cincinnati Conference, and Mrs. Helen, wife of William B. Sullivan, Esq., of Dayton.

The story of our dear brother's physical sufferings in the last years of his life, of his heroic fortitude through it all, and of his patience and gentleness and unfaltering faith, can not be told in a brief sketch. A characteristic incident is given of his bearing on the occasion when it was first found necessary to apply the surgeon's knife to the deadly trouble which was slowly but surely undermining his health. It was uncertain, of course, whether the result would be life or death. Looking into the face of his beloved physician and friend, Dr. T. A. Reamy, he said: "Doctor, I have all confidence in you, but I have still greater confidence in the Great Physician." And then he quoted Tennyson's sweet poem, "Crossing the Bar."

On one occasion he said: "I have been studying the blessings of affliction, and I have come to this conclusion: The worst things in a Christian's life are better than the best that can come to the life of a mere worldling. The very worst side of the experience of one who is a true preacher of the gospel, is better than the best that can come to him who is not a true preacher."

His last sermon was preached from the pulpit of his son, in South Charleston, and his text was, "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." One day, after his son had read to him a part of Hebrews xi, he exclaimed: "Faith, glorious faith! Paul knew Jesus, and held on to him by faith. So do I. Glory to God for saving faith! I have it! I have it!"

On his last birthday, July 14th, he said: "I am on my way home, climbing up the mountain, going home; and as I go, I preach, preach Jesus. I love him! I love him!"

On Sunday, July 26, 1896, while great multitudes were rejoicing over the completion and dedication of the new and beautiful church erected in his native town, Xenia, and on the very spot were stood the humble chapel in which he was converted in his early boyhood, and where, in the full maturity of his powers he had been a beloved pastor, and when all the services of that sweet day of rest were over, he, who had so faithfully walked with God, was not; for God took him.

J. F. MARLAY.

REV. ELISHA COWGILL SMITH.

Elisha Cowgill Smith was born in Mason County, Kentucky, May 30, 1825, and died at his residence, near Cleves, Ohio, August 22, 1896. Brother Smith found his Savior in early childhood, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of sixteen years. As a boy he was studious and hard-working, and through his own efforts attended Augusta College and became a teacher, and for twenty-five years Brother Smith taught in the schools of Maysville and Mason County, Kentucky. Being called to preach, he was licensed as a local preacher in 1856, and was ordained deacon in 1861 by Bishop Ames; and in 1868 he was ordained an elder by Bishop Clark.



REV. ELISHA COWGILL SMITH.

In 1870 Brother Smith was admitted into the Cincinnati Conference, and for eighteen years he was an effective pastor, of Centenary, Butlerville, Moscow, Camp Dennison, Catawba, Mutual, New Jasper, Lewisburg, and North Bend Charges. In 1888 he asked a superannuated relation, and since that time he has made his home on a small farm near Cleves, Ohio.

In 1856, Brother Smith was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hancock, of Mason County, Kentucky; but after a brief period his devoted wife was summoned home. In 1862 he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret E. Brounjevell, of whom, after a short and happy married life, he was bereft. In 1880 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary H. Durkee, a noble and devoted wife, who shared his trials, and who lives to mourn the loss of a faithful and affectionate husband.

As a minister of the gospel Brother Smith was pre-eminently conscientious and faithful, always doing and preaching what he thought was right, following the commandments of God. He was a plain, earnest, and sincere minister of the gospel of Christ, and as a result of his work hundreds of souls were happily saved. Brother Smith felt a burden of his heart for the salvation of souls, which made him eager to carry the message of life to dying men. He was often found in school-houses by the wayside, on week nights, as well as in churches on the Sabbath, preaching Jesus and the resurrection.

Dr. H. C. Weakley, who was Brother Smith's colleague on the Catawba Circuit, said of him: "He was the bravest man I ever knew; he

ing and noble physique, his benignant countenance, his uniform courtesy, and kindness, and his affable and winning manners, made him a most welcome visitor among all classes. The rich and the poor were equally the objects of his care, and shared alike in his ministrations. But especially in homes of sorrow, where stricken ones were bowed down under great burdens, and bleeding hearts were feeling the bitterness of a sore bereavement, he was always found, administering the consolations of the gospel in that sweet, persuasive way which made his presence a benediction to so many of God's dear, suffering children.

Dr. Hypes served the Church for eight years in the difficult and responsible work of the presiding eldership with marked success. In this office he showed great executive ability, and united the "suaviter in modo" with the "fortiter in re" as few men have done in that position. Some incidents are related of his firmness at times, showing that he had in him the stuff of which ecclesiastical martyrs are made. Bishop William X. Ninde writes of him, under date of June 30th: "I have never met a man of more beautiful and symmetrical character. . . . Noble and saintly man! Would it were my privilege to greet him once more ere he passes upward to the heavenly places! But wherever he may be, our hearts are bound together by immortal ties. In the years of my active life it has been my privilege to know, somewhat intimately, many great and holy men, whose friendship I greatly valued; but in the inmost sanctuary of the heart there are a few names I cherish with the deepest reverence and the most sacred love. Among these cherished few is the name of him who is to-day lingering amid the brightening shadows of the 'borderland.'"

Dr. Hypes was twice married. First, in 1848, to Miss Ann Lawrence, a teacher in Professor Wright's school, in Xenia. She lived less than a year from the time of their marriage. In 1853 the Doctor was married a second time, to Miss Margaret Brown, of Warren County, Ohio, who, for forty-four years, made his earthly home a bright and happy one, sharing in the trials and triumphs of his itinerant life, and who survives to mourn her exceptionally great loss. To them three children were born, one of whom died in infancy. The others are Rev. Benjamin D. Hypes, an honored and successful member of the Cincinnati Conference, and Mrs. Helen, wife of William B. Sullivan, Esq., of Dayton.

The story of our dear brother's physical sufferings in the last years of his life, of his heroic fortitude through it all, and of his patience and gentleness and unflinching faith, can not be told in a brief sketch. A characteristic incident is given of his bearing on the occasion when it was first found necessary to apply the surgeon's knife to the deadly trouble which was slowly but surely undermining his health. It was uncertain, of course, whether the result would be life or death. Looking into the face of his beloved physician and friend, Dr. T. A. Reamy, he said: "Doctor, I have all confidence in you, but I have still greater confidence in the Great Physician." And then he quoted Tennyson's sweet poem, "Crossing the Bar."

On one occasion he said: "I have been studying the blessings of affliction, and I have come to this conclusion: The worst things in a Christian's life are better than the best that can come to the life of a mere worldling. The very worst side of the experience of one who is a true preacher of the gospel, is better than the best that can come to him who is not a true preacher."

His last sermon was preached from the pulpit of his son, in South Charleston, and his text was, "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." One day, after his son had read to him a part of Hebrews xi, he exclaimed: "Faith, glorious faith! Paul knew Jesus, and held on to him by faith. So do I. Glory to God for saving faith! I have it! I have it!"

On his last birthday, July 14th, he said: "I am on my way home, climbing up the mountain, going home; and as I go, I preach, preach Jesus. I love him! I love him!"

On Sunday, July 20, 1896, while great multitudes were rejoicing over the completion and dedication of the new and beautiful church erected in his native town, Xenia, and on the very spot were stood the humble chapel in which he was converted in his early boyhood, and where, in the full maturity of his powers he had been a beloved pastor, and when all the services of that sweet day of rest were over, he, who had so faithfully walked with God, was not; for God took him.

J. F. MARLAY.

REV. ELISHA COWGILL SMITH.

Elisha Cowgill Smith was born in Mason County, Kentucky, May 30, 1825, and died at his residence, near Cleves, Ohio, August 22, 1896. Brother Smith found his Savior in early childhood, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of sixteen years. As a boy he was studious and hard-working, and through his own efforts attended Augusta College and became a teacher, and for twenty-five years Brother Smith taught in the schools of Maysville and Mason County, Kentucky. Being called to preach, he was licensed as a local preacher in 1856, and was ordained deacon in 1861 by Bishop Ames; and in 1868 he was ordained an elder by Bishop Clark.

In 1870 Brother Smith was admitted into the Cincinnati Conference, and for eighteen years he was an effective pastor, of Centenary, Butlerville, Moscow, Camp Dennison, Catawba, Mutual, New Jasper, Lewisburg, and North Bend Charges. In 1888 he asked a superannuated relation, and since that time he has made his home on a small farm near Cleves, Ohio.



REV. ELISHA COWGILL SMITH.

In 1856, Brother Smith was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hancock, of Mason County, Kentucky; but after a brief period his devoted wife was summoned home. In 1862 he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret E. Brownievel, of whom, after a short and happy married life, he was bereft. In 1880 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary H. Durkee, a noble and devoted wife, who shared his trials, and who lives to mourn the loss of a faithful and affectionate husband.

As a minister of the gospel Brother Smith was pre-eminently conscientious and faithful, always doing and preaching what he thought was right, following the commandments of God. He was a plain, earnest, and sincere minister of the gospel of Christ, and as a result of his work hundreds of souls were happily saved. Brother Smith felt a burden of his heart for the salvation of souls, which made him eager to carry the message of life to dying men. He was often found in school-houses by the wayside, on week nights, as well as in churches on the Sabbath, preaching Jesus and the resurrection.

Dr. H. C. Weakley, who was Brother Smith's colleague on the Catawba Circuit, said of him: "He was the bravest man I ever knew; he

never faltered, but would always stand up for Christ under all circumstances." His last pastor, Rev. W. J. Dunham, says of him: "Brother Smith was a great help to me in my work. His health would not permit him to attend the services at the Church; but he never ceased praying for us, and there was no one that rejoiced more than he when the cause of Christ prospered."

During his last sickness Brother Smith's suffering was intense; but he never murmured, and bore it all with the greatest fortitude and patience. Having been for a time at Christ's Hospital under the best care and most skillful treatment, which proving unavailing for his recovery, he desired to be taken to his home, as it was his wish to spend his last hours in the bosom of his family. Here, having been his former pastor, I visited him a few days before his death. He said he was glad to see a brother minister, and wished to say some things to me that only a Methodist preacher could appreciate. These related to the temporal necessities of his dependent family. His wife, sister, and children wept at his bedside as he spoke of his approaching end. His mind was clear, and he spoke of the coming session of his Conference, and said that, as he should never meet his ministerial brethren again, he wished them, and all to whom he had preached, to know that the gospel he had proclaimed now met all his requirements in sickness and death. He joined in singing "Rock of Ages," and responded fervently to the prayers. As the end drew near, he turned his eyes to his sister, who stood by his bedside, and said: "I have done what I could for the blessed Master."

Thus closed in triumph an earnest life, that had been peculiarly one of hardship and trial, and which had as peculiarly illustrated the excellence and power of our holy religion. Brother Smith's death was a triumphant departure. His devoted widow, with her three small children, deserves and needs the sympathy and prayers of ministers and of the Church.

Brother Smith's pastor, Rev. W. J. Dunham, assisted by Dr. C. H. Weakley, Brother Smith's former colleague, conducted the funeral services, and laid the weary itinerant's body in its final resting-place to await the resurrection of the just.

D. J. STARR.

MRS. GEORGE C. CRUM.

Mrs. Sarah J. Crum, whose maiden name was January, was born at West Union, Ohio, July 25, 1812. On the morning of September 7, 1895, she departed to be with Christ, aged eighty-three years, one month, and twelve days. On July 2, 1833, at Hillsboro, Ohio, she became the wife of Rev. George C. Crum, D. D., late of this body, and now of precious memory. Six children were born of this union, one of whom, Rev. C. T. Crum, is an honored member of this Conference.

Dr. Crum was for fifty years an able and faithful minister of the gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church. During all these years of active service his faithful wife was ever beside him, cheerfully, courageously, heroically sharing the toils, bearing the burdens, and meeting the responsibilities of their long itinerating career. O those years—so filled with sunshine and shadow, with joy and heartaches, with laughter and tears; so replete with Christ-like, self-sacrificing service—their complete history will never be known on earth! It is recorded only in the great Book of Remembrance in heaven. In all the vicissitudes of their earthly pilgrimage this wife and mother was, next to Christ, the comfort, the cheer, the brightness, the joy, the life of that household as they pitched their tent from city to city. No words of vain repining or bitter complaining ever escaped her lips. She realized that here she had no continuing city, but, like Abraham of old, she "looked for a city which hath founda-

tions, whose builder and maker is God." Toward this city, dimly descried through the mist of time, but yet beautiful, glorious in prospect, she set her face and bent her steps with glad and willing heart, knowing that the pathway of duty, though oft it might lie in the shadow and over the jagged rocks, would ultimately lead up to the golden gates and into the fadeless splendors and ravishing delights of the New Jerusalem.

Mrs. Crum was a faithful, useful, happy Christian; faithful, useful, and happy because she had a Christian experience. Amid the toils, the reverses, the trials, the sorrows of life, the high assurance which brought comfort and joy to the sorrowing patriarch, brought peace and gladness to her lot, and with him she could exclaim, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

As she drew near to the boundary which separates two worlds, looking back upon life in retrospect, she could say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith;" and looking forward upon life in prospect as it stretched away before her, limitless, boundless as eternity, she could still say with that great apostle of the Cross: "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day." When crushed down by the weight of more than fourscore years; when the sight of her eyes had almost gone out to darkness; when tottering feebly with cane in hand; when the valley of the shadow was just before her,—still she was cheerful and happy, for Christ was with her.

Just a few hours before her death she seemed to be in a deep study. Her daughter said to her, "Mother, what are you thinking about?" She replied, "I am thinking of Jesus: of Jesus and his love." In the last moments, when but a step of life's long journey remained—the step which should carry her across that mysterious line which separates the seen from the unseen—she raised her withered, feeble hands, and said, "Papa." "Papa?" Who shall say what visions of loved ones then greeted her failing eyes? Who shall say what death-bed guests were present at that hour? Who shall say what glorious company was waiting to give her triumphant escort to the home of the blest? Faithful in life! Triumphant in death! Now crowned with the fadeless diadem of eternal life!

C. M. VAN PELT.

MRS. JOHN H. DAVIS.

Mrs. Louella Jane Davis, wife of Rev. J. H. Davis, of the Cincinnati Conference, was the daughter of C. B. and E. M. Pricer, and born near South Salem, Ross County, Ohio, June 6, 1851. Her father was a Union soldier, and died in hospital at Nashville, Tennessee. Louella, being the eldest of a family of five children, soon became the companion and efficient helper of her widowed mother. At sixteen years of age she began teaching; and subsequently became a valued employee in a dry-goods house in Chillicothe, Ohio, to which place her mother had removed. On the twenty-sixth anniversary of her birth, June 6, 1877, she was married to Rev. J. H. Davis, and shared with him the joys and sorrows of an itinerant life for more than eighteen years, or until January 7th, when she calmly fell asleep at Bethel, Ohio, in the Georgetown District, to which charge her husband had been assigned at the last session of the Cincinnati Conference. While ever ready to bear testimony to the power and grace of God when occasion required, she sought especially to exemplify her faith by patiently doing the will of God. In short, she was distinctively of that type of womanhood described by Solomon in the Book of Proverbs: "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her." "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." The removal to Bethel was followed by a renewal of hope in favor of re-

covery from illness, but the hope proved delusive, and the evident trend of the disease was resumed. When informed that physicians had no longer hope, and that the end was probably not far away, she expressed herself as fully prepared to die. During the last morning of life, when, after a restless night, she was thought to be sleeping, she was presently found to be unconscious—the harbinger of the last, long, and peaceful sleep—and soon after, the spirit passed away. Amid the tears and sympathies of friends, old and new, her body was tenderly borne to the Church, where appropriate services were held under the direction of Rev. George H. Dart, presiding elder of the district, assisted by R. E. Smith, of Cincinnati, and by the choir and a large congregation, after which it was laid to rest in the cemetery at Bethel, to await the resurrection morning.

MRS. JOHN W. FOWBLE.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hedges Fowble, daughter of Seaton and Harriet Hedges, was born, December 29, 1827, and died April 13, 1896, aged sixty-eight years. Her parents were among the best known and most influential people of Clarke County, and, in Methodist circles especially, the name of Seaton Hedges was a household word. He was a noble type of the pioneer Methodists, a man of strong intellect, of great intelligence, and with such qualities of leadership that he easily stood in the front rank of influential Methodist laymen. It is not a matter of surprise, therefore, that the children of such parents should early seek the Lord.

Elizabeth was converted when but nine years of age, at a camp-meeting held in Champaign County, and at once united with Moorefield Chapel. She was happily married to Gilbert C. Townley, January 1, 1845. Mr. Townley soon after was licensed to preach, and admitted into the Ohio Conference. He was a young man of rare ability, and immediately attracted attention by the eloquence and ability of his sermons. Sister Townley at once became greatly interested in the work of her husband, and displayed a special fitness to fill the trying position of a Methodist minister's wife. Not only did she make her home bright and attractive for her husband and friends, but in the work of the Church also she was most capable and efficient. She was, in short, a real helpmate to her husband. Gifted in prayer, in testimony, and as a teacher in the Sabbath-school, she admirably wrought in the Lord's vineyard by the side of her husband. Mr. Townley's career in the ministry, though brilliant, was but brief. He died in 1854.

In 1867, Mrs. Townley was married again, and for the second time became the wife of a Methodist minister,—the Rev. John W. Fowble, a leading member of the Cincinnati Conference. But again death entered the home, to remove the head of the household, after a short and happy union. Mrs. Fowble was once more a widow in 1871, and since has walked alone the journey of life.

In all the relations of life, as a child, as a wife, as a mother, as a neighbor, and as a friend, she was worthy of all praise. Gentle and refined, unselfish and patient, she found pleasure in rendering all possible helpful service to others. Mrs. Townley's life, in the main, was an exceptionally happy one. In her home and with her children, she had every element of domestic enjoyment. And yet she had a large measure of experience in the discipline of suffering. But in the midst of bereavements and sorrows and bodily suffering, she was sustained by an unfaltering faith in God's goodness and care. In the language of one of old she could say in the sorest trials of her life, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in him."

Of the four children born to her, two have already entered into rest. She leaves two daughters—Mrs. D. W. Rawlings, of Urbana, and Mrs.

Clara Rebecca Bridge, of Columbus—and besides these she leaves two brothers and four sisters and thirteen grandchildren.

The funeral service of Sister Fowble took place at Moorefield Chapel, in the presence of a large gathering of her friends and relatives. Her remains were laid by the side of her first husband in the little cemetery about the Church.

MRS. J. L. GROVER.

The death of Mrs. Ann Grover, wife of Rev. J. L. Grover, of the Cincinnati Conference, occurred at the family residence in Columbus, Ohio, at 9.30 A. M., April 2d. She was born at Xenia, Ohio, December 31, 1811, she being the youngest daughter of John and Isabella Alexander. She was married to Mr. Grover, October 12, 1830. Two years later they both became members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To them two sons and a daughter were born. The daughter, Mrs. Isabella G. Creighton, survives her mother, to comfort her father, who is in his ninetieth year. Mrs. Grover has been an invalid for four years, much of the time a great sufferer. The Church home was the Broad Street Methodist Episcopal Church. She believed in Methodist doctrine and methods that have been so successful under God, in the salvation of multitudes. The funeral at the residence, Saturday, April 4th, was largely attended by intimate friends of the family. Rev. A. C. Kelly offered prayer. The Scriptures were read by Rev. W. Macafee. An address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Homer J. Smith, who was the nearest neighbor to this venerable elect lady for four years past. He spoke of her as having had a clear and positive religious experience, and as coming down to the close of life in peace. With her husband she endured the trials of a Methodist minister's life fifty-nine years. Sixty-five years they walked together the journey of life. Rev. W. Macafee also spoke words of comfort to the bereaved, and offered prayer. Several of the pastors of the city were present. The burial was in Green Lawn.

W. C. HOLLIDAY.

VIII.

Cincinnati Conference Historical Society.

During the past year the Historical Society was fully organized and commenced its work. As its success will depend largely on the co-operation of the pastors, all of whom are members of the Society, we present a brief statement of the work we have in view, with the hope that it may awaken a new interest in the preservation of historical data.

1. We desire copies of all semi-centennial sermons that have been preached before the Conference

2. We desire copies of all histories of local Churches that have been prepared in the past, or may hereafter be compiled. Where no such histories have been prepared, we would suggest to pastors the propriety of putting into permanent form the facts of interest in local history, while there are members living who can furnish them.

Much interesting detail of history has already been lost by the death of those who were active in the formation of our early Churches.

3. We desire copies of letters, papers, pictures, or any other documents of historic value. Also, old books treating of early Methodism in any form.

4. We would earnestly request all of the older members of the Conference to write out anything of historic interest that occurred during their ministry, and place it in the hands of the Historical Society for preservation.

5. We desire pastors to secure from laymen any donations of historic material they may have. All laymen making approved donations to the Society are made honorary members.

It is the purpose of the Society to publish something of historical interest in each copy of the Minutes, beginning with the present number.

The custodian, Rev. S. O. Royal, makes the following report of historical material gathered during the year:

1. The manuscripts left by Rev. George W. Maley, consisting of letters, sermons, accounts, circuit lists, diaries, etc., presented by his son-in-law, Mr. Joseph Eichelberger, of Urbana.

2. The Autobiography of Rev. William Waters, the first native American Methodist preacher. A rare book, published in 1806. Presented by Mr. Lewis Smith, of Urbana.

3. Files of Western Christian Advocate for 1860 and later, presented by Miss Vina E. Dickey, of Troy.

4. A collection of class papers kept by James Scudder and William Royal, class-leaders in Piqua from 1822 to 1825, presented by Rev. T. F. Royal, of the Oregon Conference.

5. A manuscript letter of Rev. Henry Bascom; date, 1815; presented by Mr. Elijah Fitch, Ripley, Ohio.

6. Minutes of 1789 to 1794, and Minutes of 1815, presented by Rev. C. W. Rishell, Ph. D.

Arrangements have been made with Curts & Jennings by which the Society will have a place to deposit all valuable papers they gather in the Methodist Book Concern Building.

MERRICK E. KETCHAM, Secretary.

THE RISE OF METHODISM IN THE BOUNDS OF THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

BY REV. MERRICK E. KETCHAM.

It is given to but few men to lay the foundations of God's work. Succeeding generations may produce great and efficient workers, but of necessity they must do what Paul desired to avoid—build on foundations laid by others.

Many of these early workers were men of power and resource, while others were strong alone in their consecration. Most of them were the product of crude conditions, and surroundings notable for strength rather than refinement. They were fitted for their divinely-appointed task, and are to be judged by their success and their adaptation to their times, rather than by the standards of a more refined but less vigorous age.

As years multiply, their magic touch transforms these plain, conscientious workers into heroes. We look at them in the glowing light of the multiplying results of their work, and honor them for developments their wildest dreams never presented to thought.

Methodism has its heroes in every section of the country, whose names are cherished with loving reverence. The Wesleys and Francis Asbury belong to us all. New England has its Jesse Lee, clear-headed, bold, and persistent. The Hudson Valley honors Freeborn Garrettson, earnest and evangelistic in spirit. New York sings the praise of Philip Embury and Barbara Heck, who made the old sail-loft famous for eternity. But space forbids our enlarging this list. It is the purpose of this sketch to bring into clearer light the life-story of those whose early efforts made our present Ohio Valley Methodism possible.

It seems strange to us now, when the great tides of travel and trade run directly east and west, either along the lake shore or over mountain systems that once seemed to effectually bar the way, that the great State of Ohio received its Methodism, like its early colonization, from Kentucky and Tennessee. The itinerants, following the trail of the hunters and the early settlers along Southern passes, came to Kentucky with the message of salvation long before they ventured to cross the beautiful Ohio.

The present generation can form no real conception of the trials and dangers that attended the founding of Methodism in the Western States. We catalogue the dangers and number the trials of the itinerants, but we never enter into the reality of their sufferings.

Indians, frenzied by the encroachments of civilization, constantly menaced their path; hunger and privation were their traveling companions; of salary, with its subtle gradations of relative position, they knew nothing; they were a brotherhood, bound together alike by trials and victories.

Bishop Asbury, speaking of these Western preachers, said, "Our poor preachers keep Lent most of the year out here." Nobody would ever have guessed they were "children of a King" by their dress; for many of them wore patched and ragged clothing.

Winter found them but poorly prepared to brave its rigors; but in heat or cold, in comfort or in suffering, they kept up their steady pace, and naught but death silenced their voice of blessed invitation. Surrounded as the pioneers were with privation—physical, intellectual, and spiritual—they were in danger of sinking into semi-barbarism.

The fact that many were rude and uncultivated to begin with, only emphasized this danger. They were only saved from such a fate by the persistent efforts of the self-sacrificing itinerants who came with glowing heart and flaming experience to "thrust them into the kingdom."

When we study the genesis of Ohio Methodism we find that the laymen divide the honors with the itinerants. The names of Tiffin and Scott, McCormick, Gatch, and Dimmitt, laymen and local preachers, are inseparably connected with those early triumphs. Philip Gatch, however, though technically a layman when he helped to introduce Methodism along the Miami, ought to be classed among the itinerants, as he had, previous to his coming to Ohio, itinerated until his health failed, and he was later readmitted to the Conference.

Thomas Scott was also an itinerant in earlier days. The local preachers of that day did more preaching and more real itinerating than many of the traveling preachers of later days.

The list of worthy helpers would not be complete without adding such names as Mary Tiffin, wife of Governor Tiffin; and Jane Trimble, whose memory is as "ointment poured forth."

Perhaps the earliest Methodist preaching in Cincinnati was by a local preacher named Francis Clark, who preached at Fort Washington in 1793. Two years later, James Smith, who came to Ohio on a prospecting tour, preached at the home of an early settler between Cincinnati and Hamilton.

Among the earliest names on Ohio's roll of immortals is that of Thomas Scott, known as Judge Scott. In 1794, at the command of Bishop Asbury, he descended the Ohio River on a flatboat to aid the itinerants of Kentucky. After rendering splendid service at Danville and Lexington Circuits, he married in 1796, and, as was usual in that day under such circumstances, located. He continued to preach, however, location simply indicating a change of official relation to the work, and not a cessation of effort.

He turned his attention to the study of law. In 1801 he went to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he found Dr. Edward Tiffin, whom he had received into the Church at Charleston, Virginia, in 1790. Dr. Tiffin had already attained a leading position as a citizen, and was as busy with his Master's work as with his own. He welcomed Scott, employed him in a clerkship, and assisted him in his legal studies. Scott was secretary of the Convention that formed the Constitution of the new State, and became a judge of the Supreme Court, and one year later its chief-justice. Scott and Governor Tiffin consecrated their positions to the Master, and became two of the strongest pillars of Ohio Methodism.

Among Scott's converts in Virginia was Henry Smith, through whom Francis McCormick was introduced to the experience and work of salvation.

Like many others who were prominent in Southern Ohio, McCormick emigrated from Virginia. He came, in 1795, to Kentucky, "more to preach the gospel than to get gain." He settled in Bourbon County; but becoming dissatisfied, he crossed the Ohio, and built a log-cabin at Milford, in Clermont County, on the Little Miami. Seven years later he removed to Salem, known at that time as McCormick's Settlement, some ten miles east of Cincinnati. At Milford he was as the "voice of one crying in the wilderness." Here he formed the first Methodist class in the "Northwest Territory." He preached in all the neighboring settlements, and formed classes at Columbia and Lockland.

He repeatedly sent to Kentucky the Macedonian cry for help, and finally succeeded in securing the appointment of John Kobler to Ohio. Kobler thus became the first regular itinerant to receive an appointment in what is now the State of Ohio.

McCormick lived a noble and useful life, worthy of his historic position. As a result of early exposures he became a constant sufferer, and was compelled finally to give up all Church work. He died in 1836, in spiritual triumph, exclaiming, "Glory, honor, immortality, and eternal life."

Ezekiel Dimmitt was another layman who became a prominent factor in early Ohio Methodism. He came as a young man from Berkeley

County, Virginia, to Kentucky, where he met McCormick when on one of his tours seeking help from the Kentucky itinerants. He was by him persuaded to go to the Northwest Territory to help extend Methodism. He reached Ohio in 1797, and built his log-cabin on the east fork of the Little Miami, near where Batavia is located. His ardent nature and strong character soon made him a conspicuous fellow-laborer with McCormick.

As has been noted, to John Kobler belongs the honor of being the first regular Methodist itinerant who entered the Northwest Territory under Episcopal appointment. He was born in Culpepper County, Virginia, August 29, 1768. His parents were pious people, who encouraged his religious life. At the age of nineteen he made a profession of religion, and in his twenty-first year he entered the ministry, coming West at once. We find him in 1792 in the rugged regions of the Greenbrier.

In 1793, when he had been preaching but four years, he was made presiding elder. In 1795 he had under his charge seven circuits and eleven men, among whom were Benjamin Lakin, Tobias Green, and William McKendree. In 1797 he had supervision of all the work in Kentucky and Tennessee.

It was in 1798 that he responded to McCormick's earnest plea and crossed the Ohio River. On August 2, 1798, he preached his first sermon in the Northwest Territory. He crossed the river, he says, at "a little village called Columbia." His first act was to fall on his knees and implore the Divine blessing upon his mission. That evening he reached the house of Francis McCormick, something over ten miles distant, and preached to "a tolerable congregation" from Acts xvi, 9—Paul's vision of the man from Macedonia. It was an hour of great rejoicing to the little band of believers, who had until now been without regular circuit preaching. He organized a circuit that included about one-half of the territory now included in the Cincinnati Conference. He labored night and day in this region for nine months.

He speaks of Ohio as being settled in small neighborhoods, few and far between. No churches had been built. The site of Cincinnati was, for the most part, a dense forest, the only buildings being Fort Washington and the cabins that surrounded it. Returning to Kentucky he continued to itinerate until 1819, when he located, settling at Fredericksburg, Maryland, where he died July 26, 1843. His last words were, "Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, in power—come quickly!" Seven years before his death he was readmitted to the Baltimore Conference.

The Conference Minutes characterize him as "a man of saint-like spirit, dignified and ministerial bearing, and untiring labors in preaching, praying, and visiting the sick." "He was tall and slender, with an energy of soul that far surpassed that of his body."

When Kobler returned to Kentucky, Lewis Hunt was sent to the Northwest Territory, and, in 1799, "Miami Circuit," the first Methodist appointment in Ohio, appears on the list of appointments, with Henry Smith as preacher in charge.

Philip Gatch was known as a layman to the early Methodists of Ohio; but he had a noble record as an itinerant, being the second native-born American who entered the itinerant ranks. He was born at Georgetown, Maryland, March 2, 1751, and entered the ministry in 1773.

He was awakened by the prayer at the first service he attended. He felt a fear of immediate judgment, and rose to leave the house; but being met at the door by a wicked man, who proposed to leave with him, he turned back. The sermon went home to his heart. Three weeks later, his distress was increased by hearing preaching at the same place. Though his relatives all opposed his attending Methodist services, he persisted, and on April 26, 1772, he was powerfully converted, or, as he expressed it, he "got into a new world." He shouted, being the first person in that part of the country to thus give expression to the joy of conversion. His elder brother was converted at the same meeting, which was a great help

to both. A few months later, Philip began to go out to neighboring places as an exhorter. Later he formed a humble circuit of three points.

The next year, 1773, he preached his first sermon at "Evans Meeting-house." He was licensed to preach, and appointed to "the Jerseys" at the first Conference that met in Philadelphia, July 14, 1773. Before the close of the year he was transferred to Frederick Circuit, where his hard labor was made more severe by persecutions.

Political agitation absorbed the minds of the people; the Revolution was like a smoldering fire ready to break out. Most of the Methodist preachers being English missionaries, had no sympathy with revolutionary ideas. With the exception of Asbury, who sympathized with the Colonists in their struggle, most of the prominent workers returned to the old country. This threw a suspicion over all who remained in the work, and in many instances, as in the case of Philip Gatch, led to a very unjust persecution, which was strengthened by their hatred of the new doctrine of salvation.

From 1775 to 1778 Gatch suffered repeatedly from persecutions, but escaped imprisonment. At one time he was tarred and feathered by a mob, and only escaped being murdered the next day by receiving a providential warning.

In three weeks, however, at the regular time, he was again in the same place on the circuit, and soon saw the leader of the mob converted. On the Hanover Circuit, Virginia, extending through six counties on both sides the James River, his health failed. In 1777 he was appointed to Sussex Circuit, Virginia, but was too feeble to do much preaching. Here, too, he met with much persecution. In 1778 his name disappears from the Conference appointments; but it was placed on the roll of the Ohio Conference some years before his death.

He located on a farm in Powhatan County, Virginia, continuing to preach as he was able. It was here that he liberated his nine slaves, that came into his possession by marriage, making a public deed of emancipation.

In 1798 he started West, and, after a weary journey, reached the banks of the Miami, in Ohio, a few months after Kobler, settling near Milford. He immediately re-enforced the struggling band of Methodists, becoming a most successful worker. His home became a "preaching place." He soon became a man of influence in the State as well as in the Church. He was a magistrate, and, with Scott, was a member of the Convention that framed the State constitution, and was appointed by the Legislature an associate judge.

Bishops Asbury, Whatcoat, and McKendree were often his guests, and all itinerants found a welcome at his fireside. He preached his last sermon the day he was eighty-four years old, and died a few months later, December 28, 1835.

In 1798, when Kobler was preaching along the Little Miami and as far west as the Great Miami, he visited Cincinnati, where Fort Washington was located; but could find no place to preach, and departed without holding service. He said it was "a declining, time-stricken, God-forsaken place." Later, Lewis Hunt, whose name stands first on the roll of honored dead of the Ohio Conference, and Elisha Bowman occasionally ventured into the demoralized scene, and preached; but without any apparent result. The service that led directly to the organization of the Church in Cincinnati was held by John Collins, a local preacher, in 1804.

John Collins was born in New Jersey, November 1, 1769, of Quaker parentage. His attention was turned to religion at a very early age by hearing a hymn sung. After struggling several years against his convictions, he went to Charleston, South Carolina, to distract his attention; but this expedient, of course, proved a failure. Returning home, he was converted in 1794.

His early sermons were preached with much personal misgiving; but so many were awakened and converted that he yielded to the clear

call. He had an unusual power of reaching hearts by casual references to religion made in the course of ordinary conversation. One instance is worthy of note. He had been appointed major of militia previous to his conversion, but resigned when preparing to enter the ministry. He sold his uniform to his successor, saying, as he handed it over, "My friend, when you put these on, think of the reason why I laid them off." The brief sentence went as an arrow of God to the young man's heart. He, too, resigned, and became an itinerant preacher.

In 1803, Collins came to Clermont County, and settled some twenty-five miles from Cincinnati, becoming an intimate friend and co-worker with McCormick and Gatch.

In 1804 he came to the old fort to buy provisions. He asked the storekeeper whether there were any Methodists there. "Yes, sir; I am one," was the reply. The local preacher was so surprised and delighted that he threw his arms around the man's neck and wept. Finding there were several other Methodists there, he expressed a desire to have them all together for service. The storekeeper, whose name was Carter, opened his house, arranged benches in the upper room, and circulated the announcement of the service. Only twelve persons attended this first purely Methodist service, but the record says "it was a memorable time for the Methodists of Cincinnati."

Collins returned to his home, and in 1807 entered Conference, spending some thirty years in the regular work in Ohio. In 1837 he was compelled by feeble health to superannuate. He died August 21, 1845, exclaiming, "Happy! happy! happy!"

He was a man of unusual ability, exerting a great influence on people of culture as well as upon the masses. He led many prominent people into the Church, among whom was John McLean, afterward judge of the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge McLean was first awakened by hearing him utter the one word "eternity," as he stood on the outskirts of the crowd listening to him preach.

To return to the progress of Methodism in Cincinnati: the next sermon was preached by John Sale, the preacher on the Miami Circuit, in a house on Main Street, between First and Second Streets. There were between thirty and forty in attendance, and at the close of the service a class of eight—that historic number—was formed, and Cincinnati became a point on the Miami Circuit, with preaching once in two weeks. The services were subsequently held in an old school-house, near the fort, at the foot of the hill.

John Sale thus became the organizer of Cincinnati Methodism, and a character of special interest to later generations of Methodists in the Queen City. Through some unexplained oversight, the Conference Minutes only give an obituary notice of five lines to his name. Stevens, in his excellent work, only devotes two paragraphs to his life and work.

We are indebted to articles in the *Western Christian Advocate*, by Rev. John F. Wright, D. D., for the facts embodied in this sketch.

John Sale was born in Amherst County, Virginia, April 24, 1769. He was the fourth of a family of eleven children. His family were nominal Christians until "Christianity in earnest" was introduced into their region. In the autumn of 1793, Anthony Sale, a cousin of John, was appointed preacher in charge of the Amherst Circuit, which had been organized three years earlier. During this year, John, who was twenty-five years old, was powerfully converted. To the record of his birth in the family Bible he made the laconic addition, "Born again, May 8, 1794." He was at this time a school teacher. Though he made no effort to press religion on his scholars, such was the effect of his wonderfully changed life that many of them were soon happily converted, and the revival extended from the school to all the neighborhood.

The young teacher soon found he had a higher commission, and commenced to exhort. He became interested in the colored people, and did much work among them. He became at once an active center of

spiritual influence, like Israel, having power with God and man. His parents and relatives were among the earliest fruits of his successful work.

His religious life was one of great activity. He was accustomed to say that he never was a private member; for he was appointed a class-leader the day he was admitted to the Church. His fidelity to this important work naturally led to his receiving greater responsibilities.

After a severe struggle in regard to his call to preach, he finally came to a clear conviction of duty, and gave himself unreservedly to the work, whatever it might cost.

He was admitted to Conference at the session held at Salem Chapel, Virginia, November 24, 1795. His earlier Conference record was as follows: His first circuit was Swanino, in the mountain wilds of North Carolina, including a large part of Buncombe County. William Wilkerson was the senior preacher, and set a noble example by sharing in the want and privations of the circuit as well as in its victories. Young Sale was fully tested on this hard work, and proved true and worthy. In 1797 he was sent to Bertie, and in 1798 to Mattamuskeet, a circuit best known for its unhealthy conditions. Sickness and death here threatened the courageous itinerant in addition to the usual privations of his work. He could say, with Paul, "None of these things move me."

In 1799 we find him along the Holston, on the western side of the mountains. In 1800 he attended General Conference, which convened in Baltimore, May 6th, as all elders were eligible to membership.

At the close of the General Conference, by appointment of Bishop Asbury, he accompanied William Burke to Kentucky, where he first labored on Salt River and Shelby Circuit. In 1802 he is found on Danville Circuit. The "Western Conference" opened at Cumberland, October 2, 1802, and John Sale was appointed to Scioto Circuit, one of the two Ohio circuits. In 1803, Conference met at Mt. Gerizim, Kentucky, and Sale was appointed to Miami Circuit, the other Ohio appointment. It was during this year that John Sale, as we have already seen, organized the Church in Cincinnati, with a class of eight members. On June 8, 1804, John Sale was happily married to Nancy Bonner, who belonged to one of the oldest Methodist families in Virginia. Sale moved to a farm some two miles south of Xenia, where he continued his grand work with unabating zeal.

During his ministry he received fifteen appointments to circuits and thirteen to districts.

He was superannuated from 1819 to 1823. He was a member of five General Conferences—1800, 1808, 1812, 1816, and 1824.

Dr. Wright thus describes his personal appearance: "John Sale had a noble body, compactly built, and of symmetrical proportions. He was five feet ten inches in height, and weighed about 190 pounds. His eyes were black, of more than ordinary luster. His whole countenance seemed beaming with intelligence and benignity. When lighted up in the pulpit with gospel themes, it presented a very agreeable and an unerring index to the glowing inspiration that moved and filled his heart."

His large general knowledge, his theological attainments, his attractive person, voice, and manner, all contributed to his power as a preacher. But most of all, he had the baptism of the Holy Ghost and of fire.

He was peculiarly powerful in prayer. "His prayers," says Dr. Wright, "were remarkable for fervor, perspicuity, brevity, and confidence. There was an apparent power that made them 'effectual.'" At a camp-meeting held on Mr. Gatch's land at Milford, in 1806, after a drouth of three months, when corn was parched and all vegetation withering, he, in the closing prayer, pleaded for rain. Like Elijah, he was importunate, and seemed determined to continue the holy struggle until he prevailed. His faith took hold of the Throne, and all expected rain. The tents were struck, and the people started home under a clear sky; but before some of them had gone half a mile they were drenched by a heavy shower. We can only mention one or two instances illustrating his power in the

pulpit. Moses Crume relates that at a quarterly-meeting held at Harrod's Creek, the house being too small to hold the audience, he preached in the grove. So great was the manifestation of Divine power that the whole congregation was moved with emotion, and, trembling "at the close of every sentence, they seemed to shrink as from a flash of lightning." Such was the impression made that some imagined they saw the whole congregation moving off to the bar of God.

At Talbot's Meeting-house he preached on Sunday afternoon, under a large elm-tree, to a congregation that was so greatly affected that the cries of the multitude drowned the preacher's voice. On May 26, 1809, at a camp-meeting on Paint Creek, near Chillicothe, when John Sale was presiding elder, and John Collins preacher in charge, the work had advanced with increasing interest. Sunday a large congregation gathered, and Brother Sale preached in the morning. As he proceeded he seemed to be overwhelmed with unusual feeling, and remarked that he felt "awful." A peculiar solemnity rested on the assembly, and some were evidently terrified. A storm was gathering. He called the attention of the irreligious to the distant thunder, reproving them for their indifference to Christ and his offered salvation.

He exhorted with peculiar unction, and finally fell on his knees, entreating sinners to come to God. The effect was increased by the professors in the congregation falling to their knees. The unsaved were filled with terror and dismay. The storm increased to a gale, and blew down trees around the camp. The trees under which the worshipers sat cracked and groaned, and some of them fell; but the audience remained.

The sermon seemed to catch the awful spirit of the storm, and gathered power as the storm increased, closing with unsurpassed fervor and eloquence.

The opinion of Judge McLean will be of special interest to us. He says: "His mind could not be said to be brilliant, yet he sometimes produced a very powerful effect by his preaching. His distinct enunciation, earnest manner, and well-digested thought always secured to him the attention of his audience; but I have sometimes heard him when, rising with the dignity and in the fullness of his subject, he seemed to me one of the noblest personifications of the eloquence of the pulpit. His words were never hurried; they were always uttered calmly and deliberately. Without the least tendency to extravagance or undue excitement, there was still a luster in his eye, and a general lighting up of his features, that revealed the working of the spirit within. In some of his more felicitous efforts I think I have heard him with as much interest as I have heard any other man."

He enjoyed literary advantages far superior to most Methodist preachers of the early days. He had, in addition, the training of the itinerancy, which is not to be discounted, though it gives no diplomas. The few books of the itinerant were pure gold, and lack of numbers was atoned for by the thoroughness with which they used the few they had.

The constant change of audience, and the constant preaching demanded by the large circuits, the quarterly-meetings and camp-meetings, tended to develop all the latent preaching ability they possessed. Out of this "Brush College" came some mighty preachers and model sermonizers.

Brother Sale wisely availed himself of all advantages, applying himself to constant study. He was a good theologian, and thoroughly posted in the doctrines of the Church. The Bible was his great text-book. From it, as a pure fountain of truth, he drew the doctrines he held and taught.

As an administrator he displayed unusual ability. He thoroughly understood the Discipline and polity of Methodism, and was wise but firm in its administration.

Bishop Asbury had great confidence in his executive ability, trusting him with the most responsible and important positions he could give

him. As a presiding elder he gave universal satisfaction. That he had the full confidence of his brethren is evinced by their action at the Conference held in Cincinnati in September, 1814. Bishop McKendree was thrown from his horse, and so injured that he could not be present, and John Sale was elected presiding officer by the Conference. Bishop Asbury arrived later, but was taken sick; and Brother Sale finished the plan of the appointments from a general draft given him by Bishop Asbury to the Bishop's entire satisfaction.

John Sale's ministry commenced in the heroic days of Methodist history. For five years in his early ministry he traveled under the rule that allowed each traveling preacher \$64, all wedding-fees and presents, from a necktie to a pair of socks, included. He filled appointments as long as he was able to go, and fell at his post, crowned with the reward of the faithful. His last appointment was Piqua Circuit, where he was assisted by the immortal Christie. He was taken sick while at work, and died at the home of Mr. French, near Troy, Ohio, January 15, 1827, at the age of fifty-eight. His wife survived him forty-one years.

He said, in closing his life's career: "I am nearing my home. My last battle is fought, the victory is won. Hallelujah! My Savior reigneth over heaven and earth most glorious. Praise the Lord!"

"Clear in doctrine, ardent in zeal, diligent in labor, patient in suffering, his life was a success, his death a triumph."

Well may we honor the name of the organizer of Cincinnati Methodism.

The first love-feast in Cincinnati was held in the court-house, in 1805, during a quarterly-meeting, when Rev. William Burke was presiding elder of the Ohio District. In 1805 the first church-lot was purchased on Fifth Street, between Sycamore and Broadway, and in 1806 the old stone church, 20 x 40 feet in size, was built. Bishop Asbury made his first visit to Cincinnati in 1808; the city then had 2,000 population. With the building of churches we enter on a new period in Methodist history, which must be left for treatment at some later time.